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MPs swayed by legal miscarriages

Pro-hanging lobby suffers biggest defeat

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

A SERIES of miscarriages of justice in recent years appeared last night to lie behind the biggest Commons rejection for the return of the death penalty since its abolition 28 years ago.

In a marked shift against the pro-hanging lobby, capital punishment for murder was rejected by a majority of 244. In a separate vote, the imposition of the death penalty for the murder of policemen was rejected by 197 votes.

The votes came after a poorly attended debate in which several speakers, including Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, cited fear of wrongful conviction as their main reason for opposing restoration.

It was the fourteenth defeat since the penalty was abolished, and much larger than in the last debate in 1990, in part because the Conservative majority has been much reduced. Even so it was clear that many Tory MPs have changed their minds.

Mr Howard, one of only three Cabinet ministers to vote for the death penalty for police murders in the last debate, told MPs that he had changed his views since the case of the Birmingham Six.

He said: "I had voted consistently for the return of capital punishment for the murder of police or prison officers, or for murder committed with firearms of explosives.

"I thought the deterrent effect would be greatest in those categories. I justified that position on the basis that a wide-ranging appeal process in capital cases would effectively eliminate the risk of a miscarriage of justice. Precisely such a procedure was adopted in the case of the Birmingham Six, and it failed to identify any irregularities.



'My mind was changed by the Birmingham Six case'

— Michael Howard, Home Secretary

"It failed to do the job that I thought it would, a job which I thought was essential if capital punishment were to be restored."

Mr Howard said his views had been reinforced by "the tragic case of Stefan Kiszko — who sadly died just before Christmas". Mr Kiszko had confessed to the murder of a school girl, but his conviction was quashed in 1992 after forensic tests proved he could not have been the killer.

Mr Howard emphasised his determination to take action against violent crime, but added: "I do not believe that the restoration of capital punishment should be part of it."

Tony Blair, the shadow Home Secretary, said the most powerful argument against the death penalty was "the risk that we will kill the innocent". There was no proof that the death penalty deterred crime. "Experience has taught us of the fallibility of the process of establishing guilt. Death is death. There is no revoking the sentence, no recall, no commutation, no pardon except a posthumous one."

John Greenway, Conservative MP for Ryedale and a former policeman, led the move to restore capital punishment for police murders, saying that eight officers had been murdered in England since the last debate. But his amendent was defeated by 383 votes to 186. Three Cabinet ministers, Ian Lang, David Hunt, and John Redwood, voted in favour.

The Commons vote was accepted with resignation by many police officers last night. The Police Federation, representing more than 100,000 rank-and-file members, said they were disappointed by the result but not surprised.

A spokeswoman said police believed that the death penalty was appropriate for the murder of police officers or terrorist attacks. Since hanging is not going to return, the federation would like to see life imprisonment for the murder of an officer really meaning life.

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KIMIMASA MAYAMA

Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, the European ice champions, in practice before last night's final free dance in the Winter Olympics at Lillehammer, Norway. Sport, Page 42

Honda allays jobs fear as Rover deal is abandoned

BY KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

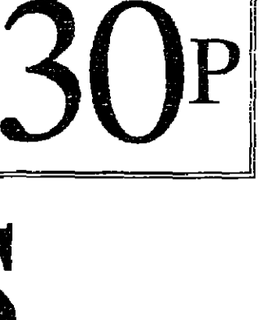
HONDA will remain locked into a partnership deal with Rover worth £400 million a year even after the Japanese company decided yesterday to abandon its financial stake in the British car maker.

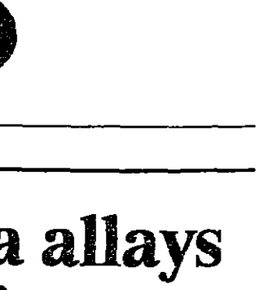
Fears that Honda's decision to withdraw from its 15-year collaboration with Rover would cost thousands of jobs in the UK were allayed last night as it became clear that the company is committed to projects for the next six years. That decision came after Honda's anger at British Aerospace's agreement last month to sell its 80 per cent stake in Rover to BMW for £800 million.

The Government tried to stay aloof from the issue yesterday, but the rift between the two companies provoked another political clash. Downing Street said it was a "commercial decision" taken by one private company about its relationship with another private company. Officials added that John Major had not retreated from his remarks earlier this month when he agreed that the tie-up with the German firm was good news for Rover and said that its prospects were excellent.

Labour said its worries about a threat to jobs and Rover's range of models had been vindicated. The decision enraged MPs, who claimed that the sale was an insult to the Japanese who had helped the British company through its worst period.

Honda cannot completely sever its relationship with Rover without losing hundreds of millions of pounds. Rover is thought to pay about £400 million a year in fees for the licence to manufacture Honda-designed cars, including purchase of engines made by the Japanese company. Honda also faces costs running into tens of millions of pounds to replace activities carried out by Rover for its new manufacturing business in the UK.





Spokesmen for Honda and Rover in the UK emphasised that it would take years for the two companies to disentangle their relationship. A new car — a replacement for the Rover 200 and Honda Concerto series — has been virtually signed off by Rover and Honda engineers and will go ahead next year. Rover 200, 400, 600 and 800 models are made to Honda designs, but Honda's European manufacturing base at Swindon, Wiltshire, relies on Rover.

Honda said: "The relationship with Rover is a profitable part of our business. We do not want to jeopardise that."

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Lords deliver further blow to Police Bill

THE House of Lords dealt a new blow to Michael Howard's troubled Police and Magistrates Courts Bill yesterday when a rebel Tory amendment on police disciplinary procedures was passed.

The Government's defeat by 107-100 was its first on the Bill, which has run into implacable opposition in the upper house. Until yesterday Mr Howard had avoided outright defeat in the lobbies by concessions and tactical retreats.

Yesterday's amendment, moved by Lord Bethell, an adviser to the Police Federation, was aimed at blocking Government moves to speed up disciplinary procedures by removing various legal rights previously enjoyed by police officers.

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Muslims see chance for new offensive in Bosnia

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE AND JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

MUSLIM-led government forces are likely to intensify the war in Bosnia as they scent rivalry between America and Russia over how to build on the Sarajevo ceasefire and obtain a wider peace.

Russia, which stole Nato's thunder by pressing the Bosnian Serbs to withdraw their heavy weapons from Sarajevo or place them under United Nations control, opposes the use of more Nato threats to force peace on other areas. America, on the other hand, is reluctant to press the Muslim-led government to rely on negotiation rather than fighting. Britain, Russia and other European countries are trying to convince the United States that the UN should take over the administration of Sarajevo despite Bosnian government opposition.

Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, said in Prague yesterday that there should be "no more ultimatums or similar devices", as the earlier ultimatum "was taken without Russia". Mr Kozyrev has been invited to Washington later this week.

The Sarajevo truce has enabled Serbs and the city's mostly Muslim defenders to move heavy weapons out of the Nato exclusion zone for possible use elsewhere. A foreboding of possible spring offensives came yesterday when intense shelling shook the fringes of the Serb-besieged Bihac pocket in northwestern Bosnia. The towns of Bihac, Cazin and Bosanska Krupa came under heavy attack, a UN spokesman said.

Arif Pasalic, Bosnia's Deputy Defence Minister, said: "We have to continue the war ... for the liberation of all of Bosnia-Herzegovina." He told the Croatian magazine *Danas* that Bosnian forces intended to retake the Croat-held Lasva valley in central Bosnia, and to launch counter-offensives in the Serb-held north around Brcko and the Croat-held south around Mostar.

Britain and France called yesterday for urgent moves towards a wider peace. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said: "It is perhaps the beginning of the end of this nightmare, but only a beginning." He was speaking after talks with Edouard Balladur, the French Prime Minister, and Alain Juppé, the Foreign Minister. The international community had to restore civil order to Sarajevo and cities like Srebrenica, Tuzla, Mostar and Vitez, Mr Hurd said.

Pavel Grachev, Russia's Defence Minister, was rebuffed when he urged the United States to send peacekeepers to Sarajevo. William Perry, the Defence Secretary told him Washington had no such intention, Interfax reported.

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Remarkable sporting figure dies

COLONEL Sir Michael Ansell, former chairman of the British Show Jumping Association and one of the most remarkable figures in the sport, has died, aged 88.

In spite of being shot in the head and blinded in the Second World War, he became chairman of the association, leading British equestrian sports into a record of success that lasted decades.

Four years later Sir Michael, who died last Thursday, launched the Horse of the Year Show at Wembley, even personally selling tickets on the streets. His fight to overcome adversity — four fingers of his left hand were later amputated — won him admiration and respect.

He used to enjoy telling a story about a dinner party given at Claridge's for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh after one show. As the main course was served, the Queen took his plate and started cutting up the food for him, saying: "Don't worry, Mike, I was doing this for my corgis at lunchtime today."

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Sir Michael: founded Horse of the Year show



Sir Edward: bump and scratch on his head

Heath's car knocks him down

BY EMMA WILKINS

SIR Edward Heath received a slight head injury yesterday after being knocked down by his chauffeur-driven car on the tarmac at Heathrow airport.

After getting off the plane, the former Prime Minister, who had been conducting a concert in Munich, strode over to his waiting car, which rolled back and knocked him to the ground. He was taken to Hillingdon Hospital for treatment to a bump and a scratch on his head.

An airport spokesman said: "It would appear that the car had been left in reverse and as Sir Edward was attempting to get in the chauffeur touched the accelerator and it moved backwards and knocked him over. He was taken to hospital as a precaution."

Sir Edward had recovered enough to attend last night's Commons vote on the reduction of the age of consent for homosexuals.

Baby trial boosts AZT

THE British pharmaceutical company Wellcome received a boost yesterday when an American study showed that its drug AZT cuts the risk of transmission of the Aids virus HIV from pregnant mothers to their babies.

Findings from a US study announced last night showed that fewer than one in ten babies born to HIV-infected mothers treated with the drug contracted the infection, compared with one in four whose mothers received a placebo. The results were so dramatic that the trial was stopped on ethical grounds and the mothers who had been receiving placebo were offered AZT.

Findings from earlier trials suggested the drug had only limited effect in slowing the development of Aids, and hit the company's shares badly.

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Troops kill kidnappers

PAKISTANI commandos shot dead three Afghans last night when they stormed the Afghan embassy in Islamabad to free five schoolboys and a teacher held hostage.

None of those kidnapped was injured when the troops opened fire with automatic weapons, killing the three hostage-takers. The Afghans had been demanding $5 million (£3.3 million) and at least 2,000 lorry loads of food for their countrymen, who are starving as a result of the civil war.

"All the children and the teacher were rescued without a scratch," Jamshed Burki, the Interior Secretary, said. "The operation is over."

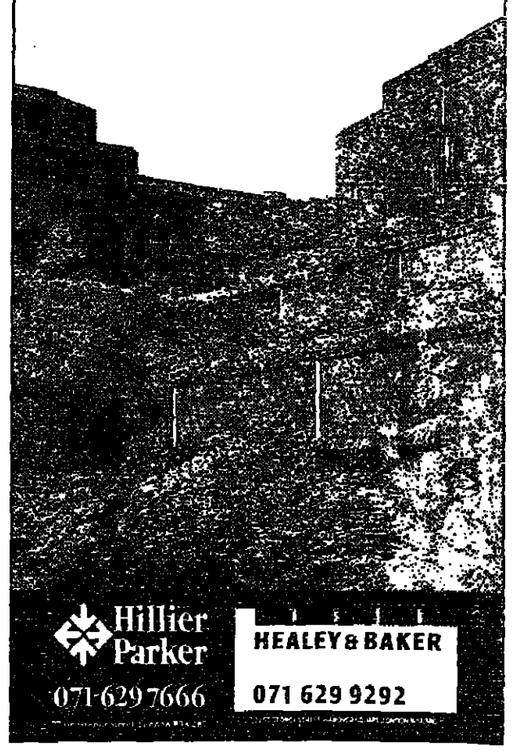
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Desert island Chancellor woos QC with classic tunes

BY JOE JOSEPH

EXPECTING Kenneth Clarke to arrive at the Scott enquiry in old swimming trunks and a new tan, fresh from the desert island to which Sue Lawley had dispatched him the previous day, we had all earmarked our seats in the spectators' gallery with beach towels. Once again, Mr Clarke wrong-footed us.

He had changed en route into a double-breasted suit, but was still jaunty and relaxed after his appearance on *Desert Island Discs*. Perhaps confused just a little by jet lag, the Chancellor sank into his seat, snapped his fingers at his Whitehall adviser and called loudly for a drink, possibly mistaking his minder for Man Friday.

Otherwise it was plain sailing. Having learnt how to face the music with Ms Lawley, Mr Clarke had the breezy manner of a man entering his new club for the second time, strolling more confidently now that he knows the whereabouts of the lavatories and dining rooms. Questions that deserved short replies were answered with rambles, the sort that chat show hosts are trained to deliver.

When Presiley Baxendale, the QC to the enquiry, mentioned some underlinings scrawled by Mr Clarke on a document, we learnt that "I have a habit when I read documents — which I picked up at the Bar — of underlining documents as I read them". He also grinningly told the studio guests about how he does not underline when reading in bed or in the back of a car — too messy. Anxious not to leave the audience short-changed by merely stating that the gagging orders he had signed did not alter the course of the Matrix Churchill trial — "The trial wasn't prejudiced by my certificates at all," he said — Mr Clarke also tossed a few titbits to the crowd.

Certain security service documents are in code and "the content, date and time are always on line three. The security service doesn't want everyone to know that. Thanks to this trial, they now do". He acknowledged that this sound bite might force the spooks to alter their codes, but he also knows that chat show guests do not get asked back unless they are indiscreet.

Also aware that you cannot do the same anecdotes twice, Mr Clarke had arrived with a whole new choice of desert island discs with which to sway his host. His new favourites? *Ain't Misbehavin'*; *Fixing A Hole*; *Do You Want To Know A Secret?*; *Taxman*; *Street Fighting Man*; *Stand By Me*; *I Will Survive*; and, although the Chancellor got a bit bashful at this point, *Tomorrow Belongs To Me*.

Clarke insists gagging order 'not relevant' to Matrix trial

■ The Chancellor told the arms-for-Iraq enquiry that he had had a duty to claim public interest immunity

BY MICHAEL DYNES, WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

GAGGING orders signed by Kenneth Clarke did not prejudice the defendants in the Matrix Churchill trial, he told Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair yesterday.

Mr Clarke said he signed two public interest immunity certificates in 1992, while he was Home Secretary, in an attempt to prevent disclosure of details about the personnel and operations of the Secret Intelligence Service (MI6).

The first was designed to allow an MI6 officer to be cross-examined by the Matrix Churchill defence without endangering the wider national interest. "The key thing was not to have the defence going on some kind of fishing expedition," Mr Clarke, now Chancellor, said.

The second sought to prevent disclosure in court of a number of documents held by MI6 that might have revealed how the intelligence service kept its records, including details about contacts, dates and times, Mr Clarke said.

The most sensitive parts of the MI6 documents were marked with a green pen so that they would be blotted out if the judge decided to reject the certificates and the documents were then distributed. Mr Clarke said the intelligence service did not want people to know the layout of its secret documents. "Thanks to the trial, they now do."

Mr Clarke told Lord Justice Scott that he signed the gagging orders after being advised of the impending prosecution of Paul Henderson, managing director of Matrix Churchill, and two other executives at the machine tool company, for attempting to export to Iraq equipment that could be used to make a "nuclear bomb".

He told the enquiry: "What I have to decide is, is it in the public interest these things should not be disclosed? Once I decided that this type of information would be damaging to the intelligence service and it was not in the public interest for this to be in the public domain, then in my opinion I have a duty to claim public interest immunity. I can't choose."

Mr Clarke said he was responsible for informing the judge that there was a public interest in protecting the intelligence service involved in the case. It was then up to the judge to decide whether the public interest in justice required the certificates to be upheld or rejected.

The documents contained details of MI6's meetings with Mr Henderson, who had informed the intelligence service of the type of equipment he was supplying to Iraq, and passed on important details of Iraq's procurement and arms manufacturing capability.

Mr Clarke said: "I was satisfied then, and I remain satisfied, that nothing that was relevant to Mr Henderson's case was cut out by the certificates. No one has ever claimed Mr Henderson was remotely prejudiced by the certificates."

Mr Clarke's testimony was later challenged outside the hearing by Mr Henderson, who said: "Had the judge upheld those certificates we would not have had those documents and it would have prejudiced the outcome of the trial."

Mr Clarke told the enquiry, however, that he did not know at the time that the three Matrix Churchill defendants would claim as their defence that the Government knew of, and had approved, the export of machine tools to Iraqi arms factories.

Although the gagging orders signed by Mr Clarke dealt only with security matters, that signed by Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, also covered documents and minutes of meetings between ministers and officials of the Trade Department dealing with policy on arms export to Iraq. Mr Heseltine initially baulked at the sweeping nature of the certificate, but he was advised by Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, that it was his duty to sign.

Mr Clarke, who earlier this month said he would resign if criticised by the enquiry for signing the gagging orders, said that, unlike Mr Heseltine, he had not suffered any "unease" about signing the certificates.

The gagging orders were eventually rejected after Geoffrey Robertson QC, for the defence, convinced Judge Smedley that all documents had to be released to prove the defendants' innocence.



Kenneth Clarke at the enquiry, defending his efforts to prevent disclosure of details about MI6 operations

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nott attacks 'gutless' policy on Bosnia

The Government's handling of the conflict in Bosnia was "ridiculous and gutless", Sir John Nott, Defence Secretary during the Falklands war, said yesterday. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, had become a liability and endless photo-opportunities and soundbites did not add up to a foreign policy, Sir John wrote in the *Evening Standard*.

Britain's dithering response had earned it the contempt of the Muslim world, he said, and the Tory Party's response was akin to its appeasement of the Nazis. Sir John's Yugoslav-born wife, Miloska, has campaigned for Western troops to protect Bosnian Muslims and has accused the Serbs of running concentration camps. War talk, page 1

Judges reform likely

The Government is seeking new powers to enable circuit judges to sit in criminal appeal cases. There has been concern that Court of Appeal and High Court judges do not always have recent experience of criminal work. An amendment with the backing of the Lord Chief Justice and the Lord Chancellor has been tabled to the Criminal Justice Bill to allow a senior circuit judge to sit as one of the three judges in Court of Appeal hearings. Legal, page 33

Priest's challenge fails

The Rev Paul Williamson, of St George's Hanworth in west London, yesterday failed in his attempt to challenge the legality of the General Synod's decision to ordain women priests. Mr Justice Popplewell told the High Court that the synod's action was perfectly lawful. He refused Mr Williamson permission to seek a judicial review.

Police cutbacks rejected

South Wales police authority yesterday rejected plans to close up to 60 stations drawn up by the chief constable to balance next year's budget. After a heated discussion held in private the authority announced a review to find ways of offsetting a deficit of £2 million by moving some of its functions to county councils.

Young Ecstasy victim

A boy aged 15 who died after collapsing at a Manchester nightclub is believed to be one of the youngest victims of Ecstasy, the designer drug, police said yesterday. Stacey Brown, of Runcorn, Cheshire, did not regain consciousness. David Whelan, 20, of Kirkby, Merseyside, was in intensive care after apparently taking drugs at the same party.

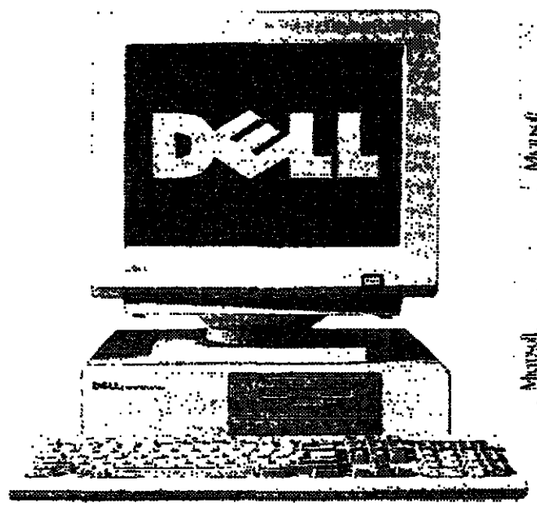
More snow forecast

Snow and ice caused difficult driving conditions in much of England and Scotland, while lightning in Newcastle upon Tyne set fire to a gas main and forced the evacuation of old people's bungalows. Snow lay up to a foot thick in parts of Cleveland. More snow is expected in the South today, followed by a thaw. Forecast, page 22

Charity worker jailed

The captain of a charity-run ship who sexually abused boys he taught to sail has been jailed for four years at Exeter Crown Court. The boys' parents have demanded a public enquiry after it emerged that Michael Johnson, 49, of Fowey, Cornwall, was the subject of a county council disciplinary hearing into allegations of sex abuse seven years ago.

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The dangers of a licence to silence

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

PUBLIC interest immunity certificates are served to prevent information being given to the defence which the prosecution, normally the Crown, deems to be not in the public interest.

Usually the laws of discovery require both sides in civil proceedings to exchange documents relevant to the proceedings. In criminal cases it is the duty of the prosecution to disclose all documents. But PII certificates, which are normally signed by ministers, enable the Government to set out a case to a judge for certain information not to be disclosed.

The principle was known as Crown privilege until a landmark case in 1978 when the House of Lords ruled that it was not in the public interest for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children to disclose the name of an informant.

Since 1980 more than a dozen PII certificates have been served each year. Sir Nicholas Lyell, the Attorney-General, and his staff insist that the certificates are simply a method of setting out information for a judge, who then has to decide between competing public interests.

PII certificates have been overturned, such as the case of Michael Randle and Patrick Pottle who were alleged to have helped the spy George Blake escape from prison. Eventually their lawyers won the right to see some of the papers covered by the PII certificates but not others. Both men were cleared. Another important case, due to go to appeal in the House of Lords, involves Andrew Balfour, the former vice-consul in Dubai who was sacked for alleged breaches of the Foreign Office disciplinary code. His case revolves around £5,000 transferred to his brother-in-law's bank account by an Iranian, whom Mr Balfour says he was told by MI6 to befriend.



Blake: case subject to overturned PII

Mr Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, signed PII certificates to prevent information being released to an industrial tribunal that could have exposed the operations of MI6.

A spokesman for Liberty, the civil liberties group, which is backing Mr Balfour, said last night: "We believe that where PIIs are issued it obviously affects the court's ability to fairly decide the merits of a case. The terrible danger is that government is doubly involved in that it claims to be serving the certificates on our behalf but it also has an interest in covering it up because it is party to the case."

Broadmoor tightens security for trips outside

BY STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

BROADMOOR is tightening security for patients on trips outside the hospital. Measures include greater use of handcuffs, mobile telephones for escorts and large photographs of their charges in case of escape.

Two escapes late last year led to four members of staff being disciplined and a temporary bar on outside visits.

In the case of Anthony Pilditch, 48, convicted of rape and murder, the hospital acknowledges that although there was concern about a change in his condition, he was still allowed to go on a shopping trip. The next day Kenneth Erskine, 30, convicted of the murder of seven pensioners in south London, escaped while awaiting treatment at an outside hospital. He was not handcuffed.

In a statement yesterday Alan Franey, general manager of the hospital, said an enquiry had showed that errors were made in preparation and in escorting prisoners. In future, rehabilitation trips would be better planned.

Broadmoor was also considering ending visits to local general hospitals for treatment; instead bringing medical staff to the patients.

The enquiry recommended more stringent checks on patients before they went out. Pilditch had £1,000 hidden on him when he escaped.

Archbishop says young are losing all hope

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, yesterday described "the devastatingly low self-esteem and hopelessness of youngsters on the fringes of crime".

Dr Carey, addressing the Family Welfare Association in London, said there was evidence that problems of marginalisation and poverty may have become worse in recent years.

Referring to the controversial *Faith in the City* report, published in 1985, he said: "It is, perhaps, the stubborn persistence of mass unemployment, falling with particular severity in particular geographical areas, which continues to erode in a substantial minority of our fellow citizens a sense of hope and belonging."

In 1994, the international year of the family, the majority of families were probably better off, but far greater numbers than before were falling below the average, he said. "This is not a world of absolutes such as starvation. It is a world of different degrees of anxiety, exclusion, stigma and inability to participate in the normal benefits of society."

He said the only way to combat poverty was for all members of the community to work together. He called for a united effort in mobilising "all the human and financial resources of the nation for the good of all."

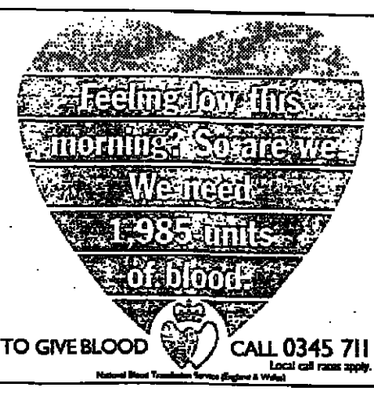
Irving home from jail

DAVID Irving, the author and historian, was released yesterday from Pentonville prison after serving ten days of a three-month sentence for contempt of court.

Mr Irving, 55, was jailed after failing to make a sworn statement disclosing his assets following an order won by a German publisher for the return of a £58,000 book advance for a two volume biography of Winston Churchill.

At the High Court yesterday, Mr Justice Mitchell ordered Mr Irving's release and said he hoped that he had "learnt his lesson from this, however unpleasant it may be".

Mr Irving, who was ordered to surrender his passport and remain at his address for the next three weeks, said he spent much of his time in jail reading. Mr Irving said he was delighted to be reunited with his two-month-old daughter, Jessica, at his home in Mayfair, central London.



Apology for parents after girl's 'bruises' wash off in the bath

BY BILL FROST

SOCIAL workers yesterday apologised to parents who were wrongly suspected of physically abusing their daughter after a doctor mistook ink stains on the child's legs for bruises.

Dale and Myra Barnes said they "went through hell" after a teacher saw striped marks on the calves of their daughter Natasha, 6.

The "severe bruising" later washed off in the bath. The marks had been caused by ink in the child's wellington boots.

West Sussex County Council wrote to Mr and Mrs Barnes to apologise for the distress caused by the investigation. However, the authority defended the teacher who first alerted social workers. "She acted in a way that she thought was in the best interests of the child at the time," a spokeswoman said.

The Barnes family, from West Stoke, West Sussex, were unimpressed by the apology. They were "appalled" that teachers, social workers and a doctor could make such a mistake.

Mrs Barnes, 25, said: "Natasha had worn her boots to school because it was snowing. They were brand new so I wrote her name in them with a black pen.

"At lunchtime I had a call from a social worker who asked if I could go to the school because the headmistress had spotted some severe bruises on the back of Natasha's calf.

"The social worker was asking me questions about how Natasha got the marks. I could only think that she must have fallen off her bike."

Mrs Barnes said they then went to the hospital where a paediatrician tried to rub off the marks, then said they were bruises. "In her report she wrote that Natasha had two horizontal bruises, eight centimetres in length and two centimetres wide. She said the bruises had been there between 24 and 28 hours."

Mr Barnes, 26, said: "I got to the hospital shortly after the rest of my family. When I finished work there was a message saying that the children were there. I was terrified that they might have had an accident.

"When I arrived at the hospital I was shunted into a side ward. Inside were my family, a detective, a doctor and a social worker.

"They said the marks were made by a whip or a cane. There was not a thing we could do as they questioned us. We were terrified they were going to take the kids away.

"We don't have much but we are loving parents and we absolutely cherish our children. They are the world to us."

The couple's two-year-old daughter Naomi was also examined for signs of abuse, Mr Barnes said. "Then they said they wanted to come to see the children again the next day. We took Natasha and Naomi home in tears. I took Natasha up for her bath and the bruises washed off with warm water. It was then we realised that it was ink from her wellies.

"The next morning I took Natasha straight back to the hospital to show them. They just said 'Oh yes'.

"How are we supposed to tell Natasha that the reason she went through all that trauma was because we were suspected of beating our own child?"

Frances Russell, chief executive of Chichester's priority care unit, said yesterday that she was "extremely sorry for the mistake". She added: "There have been at least two incidents in Chichester of quite severe child abuse. This has made staff more sensitive to the issue.

"While we would not want to put anyone through the upset we have put these parents through, it is a difficult area in which to work."



Mrs Barnes, Natasha and the guilty wellington boots



GRAEME STOBEY

Guillemot corpses at Sandwick, Shetland. Investigating the deaths are, left to right, Martin Heubeck, Dave Suddaby and Pete Ellis

Famine causes death of 50,000 seabirds

BY JENNY SHIELDS AND MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

THE deaths of more than 50,000 seabirds off the north-east coast of Britain may have been caused by a famine brought about by factory fishing for sand-eels, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds believes.

Emaciated corpses are being washed ashore from the Shetland Islands to Humberside. David Mitchell, of the RSPB, said preliminary tests indicated that the birds had not eaten for days. They had no body fat, suggesting that they had starved to death over several weeks.

Ornithologists are concerned that the remaining seabird population, exhausted by the lack of food, will be too weak for the breeding season which begins in a few weeks.

Mr Mitchell, who spent the weekend picking corpses from the shores of the Firth of Forth, said that unless there was a ban on sand-eel fishing the problem would worsen. Sand-eels are fished extensively by the Danes for animal feed. "If you interfere with the food chain in such a fundamental manner you create tremendous problems," he said. "Removing all the sand-eels has a domino effect on everything else."

Oil pollution has been ruled out as a cause of death. Tests by the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology at Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, will look for signs of possible poisoning by pesticides or industrial pollutants. The findings are expected later today.

Most of the affected seabirds are guillemots, with some razor-bills, shags and puffins. Such seabird deaths are quite common during the winter, but the toll has been much higher than usual. In a typical year the number of birds washed ashore is a few thousand at most.

The biggest number of deaths has been reported from the Shetland Islands. Martin Heubeck, a marine ornithologist at Aberdeen University, who has been monitoring the changes in seabird populations since 1978, estimated that between 20,000 and 50,000 birds, almost entirely guillemots, had died around the islands.

Mr Heubeck said: "This is by far the worst incident I have seen. Most of the birds have little or no fat on them and nothing in their stomachs. We simply do not know whether this is because they have been weakened by stormy weather or because of a shortage of food supplies.

"There have been persistently strong south-easterly winds since the beginning of the month, with few calm spells. Diving for food in these conditions, when the sea is also cold, quickly saps the birds' energy."

The previous worst winter toll was in 1983 when more than 30,000 seabirds died. Smaller bird "wrecks" were reported in 1982, 1984 and 1990. It is possible that similar numbers perish every year but do so mostly unseen because tide and wind combine only occasionally to bring the corpses ashore.

Nancy Harrison, marine pollution officer with the RSPB, believes that overfishing may be to blame. "When you have birds dying from lack of food from Scotland to Yorkshire, you have to ask whether some special factor could be at work. When you take a great deal of fish out of the sea, you change the relative abundance of available food."

Guillemots feed mainly on sand-eels, sprats and small herring. Industrial fishing of sand-eels around the Shetland Islands was blamed for a drastic decline in arctic terns, arctic skuas, kittiwakes, puffins and other birds between 1985 and 1990.

However, sand-eel fishing ceased around the islands in the late 1980s. Andy Webb, an ornithologist, said: "Most of the industrial fishing of sand-eels is now out in the middle of the North Sea where guillemots do not feed. The guillemots may just have been unlucky this year."



Most of the casualties are guillemots, though other seabirds have been affected

Blood and fur hurled at family

BY A STAFF REPORTER

BLOOD, fox fur and a stream of abuse was hurled at a woman as she sat with her two young daughters in her car in the Norfolk countryside, a court was told yesterday.

Alison Claxton is suing an alleged hunt saboteur for damages on behalf of her five-year-old twins, Joanne and Mary, who were aged two at the time of the incident near East Bilney in October 1991.

She told Norwich County Court that they had gone to visit a young horse, although the West Norfolk foxhunt was meeting nearby.

Mrs Claxton, of Wissonsett, Norfolk, said: "I was totally unaware we were so close to the hunt." She had never had anything to do with the hunt and her attention was focused on the children. Mrs Claxton wound down the window to speak to a woman who was approaching. "An arm came through and hurled the fox fur about the size of tennis balls at the children," she said.

Mrs Claxton said her children suffered stress, humiliation and nightmares. Joanne would "wake up crying two or three times every night".

Criminal proceedings against Timothy Nickerson, 32, of Norwich, were dismissed by Thetford magistrates.

The case continues.

Cambridge crew sunk by bacteria

BY A STAFF REPORTER

THREE women members of a Cambridge University boat crew have been treated in hospital for a bacterial infection after rowing on the river Cam.

The infection, which happened during training for tomorrow's traditional Bumps races, caused their hands to swell to twice their normal size.

The three first-year students from Christ's College were treated at Addenbroke's Hospital. Two spent the night under observation but Candice Yuca, 19, was detained for a further four days because of the seriousness of her infection.

Lucy Bassnett, 21, captain of boats at the college, said: "It seems to be the only logical conclusion that it was caused by water. All the girls used different oars so it was not them."

She thought that the infection could have come from a lock through which storm water, contaminated with sewage, can pour during heavy rains. The women had blisters on their hands from rowing, through which water-borne bacteria could have entered.

The infection, called cellulitis, is not rare but these are believed to be the first cases among student rowers at Cambridge.

Terry Clough, a spokesman for the National Rivers Authority, said yesterday that the Cam above Cambridge was a class 1 river, the highest rating for cleanliness.

Anglian Water is also involved in a multi-million pound upgrade of the water system in the city which, by March, will end storm waters entering the river.

Mr Clough said that bacteria of the kind that caused the infection could have been in the river but could have come from anywhere.

The authority recommends that rowers with cuts or wounds should cover them with a waterproof plaster and use barrier cream.

Bob Price, of Anglian Water, said: "The number of people using the Cam for rowing is very high, so why just three people in the same boat?"

Dr Kelvin Bowkett, the women's senior tutor, said that the college was looking into the matter. A shared towel, rather than the river, could have been to blame, he said.

"We are awaiting an answer from the environmental health people at the hospital but there is no evidence that a bacterial infection from the river is to blame." Dr Bowkett said.

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Boy aged 8 holds up sweet shop

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A PISTOL-wielding boy attempted to stage an armed robbery in a sweet shop after buying a tube of Smarties.

The 3ft 6in gunman bought some sweets in a bag from an assistant in the shop in Ashton-under-Lyne, Greater Manchester. But he then pointed what is believed to be a gun at the assistant, handed the bag back and ordered: "Fill it."

He fled when she activated the shop's alarm system. She told police that the boy looked about eight years old.

A spokesman for Greater Manchester police said: "The assistant was frightened and we are treating the matter seriously."

Hansa Lad, the shop assistant, said the boy handed her 50p and asked for 25p worth of Smarties. She gave him his change and then a man came into the shop. The boy waited until the other customer had gone, then gave Mrs Lad a bag and told her to put everything in.

"It didn't look like a toy gun to me. I pressed the alarm and he ran. I went after him but he disappeared like magic and I didn't see where he went," Mrs Lad, 33, said.

"It was very strange. You hear about this kind of thing happening but not from little children. It is frightening."

Groom wins case against Lord Hanson

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A GROOM who was sacked by Lord Hanson, the international industrialist, yesterday won her claim for unfair dismissal after telling how he had called her a "harpy and a bitch".

Rosemary Doey told an industrial tribunal that although she had accepted his offer of three years' pay as compensation for her dismissal, the horses she tended on his Berkshire estate meant more to her than "a hundred years' money". She sought only an "unfair dismissal" ruling from the tribunal at Reading, and did not claim further compensation.

Miss Doey, 45, told the hearing that she had been working for Lord Hanson for 14 years when she was told in September 1992 that he had decided to run down the stables. She claimed she would have been happy to accept a large drop in her £15,000 salary and to work part-time if it meant she could still look after the horses, but she was not given the chance.

She said he called a meeting with her in January last year to tell her she was being sacked. "I felt I was being provoked and incited in the hope that I would get upset and walk out. His manner was very aggressive."

Under cross-examination by Lord Hanson's counsel, Philip Goddard, Miss Doey said: "He insulted me. He called me a harpy and a bitch. I didn't actually know what a harpy was, but I knew it wasn't very nice. He had called me a madam before and told me I was bossy, but he had never insulted me."

Miss Doey denied suggestions that there were difficulties between her and other staff on the estate near Newbury.

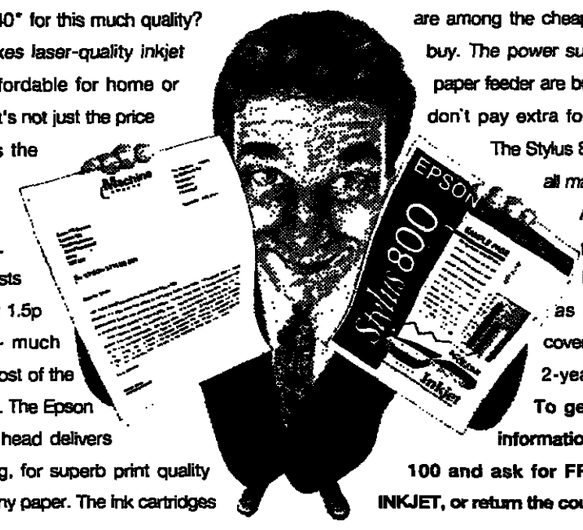


Doey: horses meant more to her than money

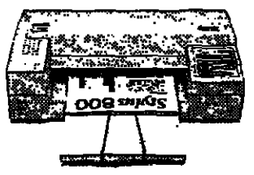
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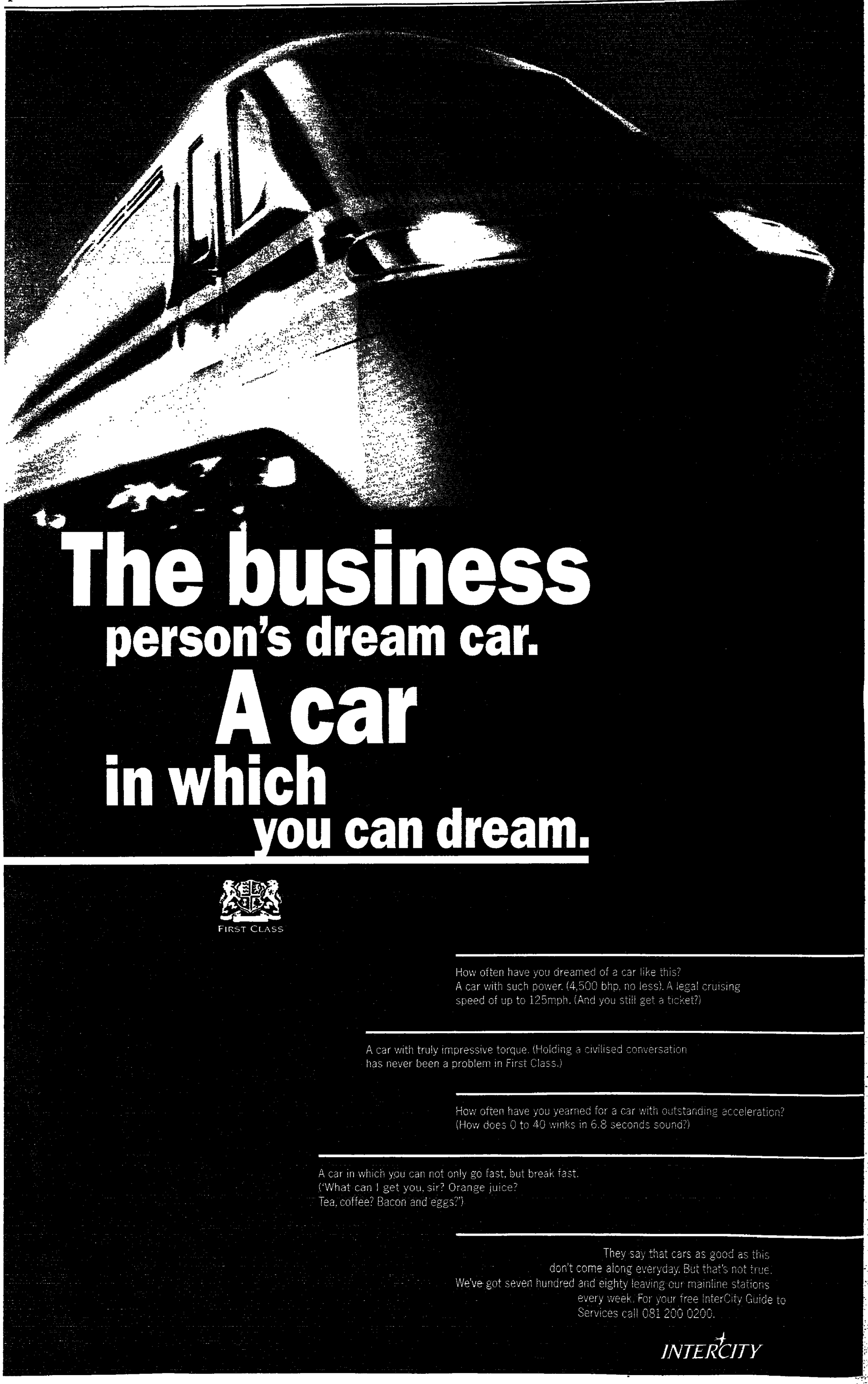
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Attack was 'so far beyond the rules of the jungle'

Navy fitness instructor stamped on rugby rival

BY RICHARD DUCE

A ROYAL Navy physical training instructor who broke a civilian opponent's nose in six places during a "needle" rugby match was yesterday convicted of assault at a court martial.

Leading PTI Ian Russell, who had denied causing grievous bodily harm, punched and stamped Gary Curtis so severely that he needed two operations to repair the damage to his face. Russell will be sentenced today.

Mr Curtis, 31, a 6ft 6in lock forward with Havant rugby club, described to the court martial how he was injured during a match in October against a Royal Navy representative side.

He denied being nicknamed the "Hardman of Havant" and holding a grudge against Russell, 36, from a match that took place the previous season between Hampshire and the Royal Navy.

He said he had complained to police because Russell had stepped beyond the "rules of the jungle" accepted by rugby players during the match at the United Services Ground in Portsmouth.

Mr Curtis, a wholesale florist, who formerly played for the Harlequins and Rosslyn Park rugby clubs, told the hearing: "With ten minutes to go I was lying on the ground nowhere near the ball when I was kicked in the head three times. I looked up and saw that it was Ian Russell who was kicking me.

"I had treatment for a cut on my nose. Two minutes from the end I was again lying on the ground with my legs trapped and away from the ball. I was completely helpless. I was waiting for the maul to break so I could get up when I was stamped on.

"I grabbed the foot that did it. It was Ian Russell. I pulled the boot and Ian dropped on to me with his knee in the top of my chest. He then punched me with my head against the ground.

"There are rules for the referee and there are what I call rules of the jungle, but that was so far beyond the rules of the jungle even. It was a horrible punch."

Lt Cmdr Nick Hawkins, for the prosecution, said the game had developed into a "needle match" because Royal Navy selectors were in the crowd and several navy players were in the Havant side.

He said Russell and the other forwards had been involved in a number of scuffles during the match.

Russell, who is stationed at HMS *Raleigh* in Portsmouth, told the court martial in Plymouth that he had acted in self-defence during the match. He said he might have inadvertently made contact with Mr Curtis's head during a ruck.

"As I was rucking over Curtis he held my legs and brought me down to the ground. I didn't know it was him until I hit the deck. My chest came down on top of him. I put my hands on his chest to push myself up to get away but he was holding my shirt," Russell said.

"It all happened in a very short space of time but I believed in that instant that I was going to be hit and in self-defence I lashed out."







Ian Russell, left, and Gary Curtis after the assault, top right, and yesterday

Novice dealers blamed for 'pure heroin' deaths

BY ANDREW COLLIER AND STEWART TENDLER

■ Police have issued guidelines for drug use as addicts fall victim to drugs reaching the street in a relatively undiluted form

INEPT or inexperienced drug dealers are being blamed for the recent spate of deaths among heroin addicts in Scotland and the West Country. The victims had injected an unusually pure form of the drug.

Seven deaths in Glasgow during the past week have caused Strathclyde police to issue guidelines to drug users. Nine addicts have also died in the Bristol area within the past six months.

A spokesman for the national criminal intelligence service said yesterday that heroin was being smuggled into Britain in an almost pure form. It was then diluted by local dealers before being sold on the streets.

In Glasgow, the city's 10,000 users of injected drugs have been urged to avoid injections. Otherwise they should dilute the heroin mixture and take the drug in company.

Drugs squad officers led by Det Supt Kevin Orr are trying to track down the source of the pure heroin. Undercover teams are talking to addicts and several theories are being discussed. One possibility is that pure heroin may have been deliberately introduced on to Glasgow's streets to try to attract new users. Another theory is that rival dealers are competing for custom.

Heroin sold in £20 "bags" in Glasgow has normally been heavily adulterated with mixtures such as baby milk powder and is often no more than 20 per cent pure.

Mike Goodman, director of Release, the drug aid agency, said doses with a purity of more than 60 per cent have been seen around the country. The dealers could be novices in selling heroin who have not diluted their doses sufficiently. He said that couriers sometimes siphoned off some of their cargo for their own sales.

The effects of the drug depend on how it is taken. Addicts often inject what they think are low-strength doses to speed up the intoxification process. If they unwittingly inject very pure heroin they could easily overdose.

In Bristol, a spokesman for Avon and Somerset police said they had found heroin with a purity of 63 per cent. This appeared to be a result of local market conditions.

The spokesman said: "It would appear there was a market surplus of heroin and somewhere along the distribution network someone wasn't bothering to dilute the drug — whether with baking powder or talcum powder or whatever to maximise profits — before passing it on.

"Most dealers aren't chemists and most addicts don't test the drug before they buy it. It highlights the danger of buying heroin from the street when you don't know what you are taking until you have injected it."

Man walks free after killing wife

BY KATE ALDERSON

A MAN who stabbed his wife to death after she taunted him about his sexual prowess and threatened to remove his testicles with a kitchen knife walked free from court yesterday after the judge told him: "If there is an exceptional case, this is it."

The sentence was criticised by campaigning groups who believe that sentences in cases of domestic violence should be increased.

Roy Greech, 58, of Littleborough, Greater Manchester, pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of his wife, Sandra, 49, after she had taunted him and admitted to having an affair with a work colleague. After stabbing her 23 times he hit her on the head with a vase and picture frame, and then telephoned the police.

Judge Rhys Davies QC, at Manchester Crown Court, gave Greech, a Youth Training Scheme instructor, a two-year suspended prison sentence after his plea of not guilty to murder was accepted.

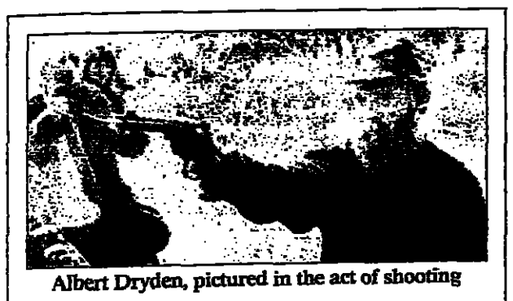
The judge said: "Your mind was so affected that your responsibility ... was considerably diminished."

Charles Garside QC, for the prosecution, said Mrs Greech had become insulting after beginning an affair which she disclosed to her husband two weeks before he stabbed her in June last year. Mr Greech tried to commit suicide after learning of her affair and request for a divorce.

Tom Caulfield, of the Manwaring Victims Trust, said the judiciary had to give harsher sentences for domestic violence: "It is now almost acceptable for domestic violence to be followed by murder and a suspended sentence."

☐ A husband who killed his wife in front of their two-year-old son by smashing her head against a wall was jailed for four years at the Old Bailey.

Peter Mahoi, 33, a waiter from Peckham, south London, became angry after discovering that his wife, Karrolynne, 31, was having an affair. The court accepted his plea of guilty to manslaughter on the grounds of provocation.



Albert Dryden, pictured in the act of shooting

Killer caught on TV has appeal rejected

A MAN who was jailed for life after he shot and killed a council officer in front of television cameras lost his appeal against conviction yesterday.

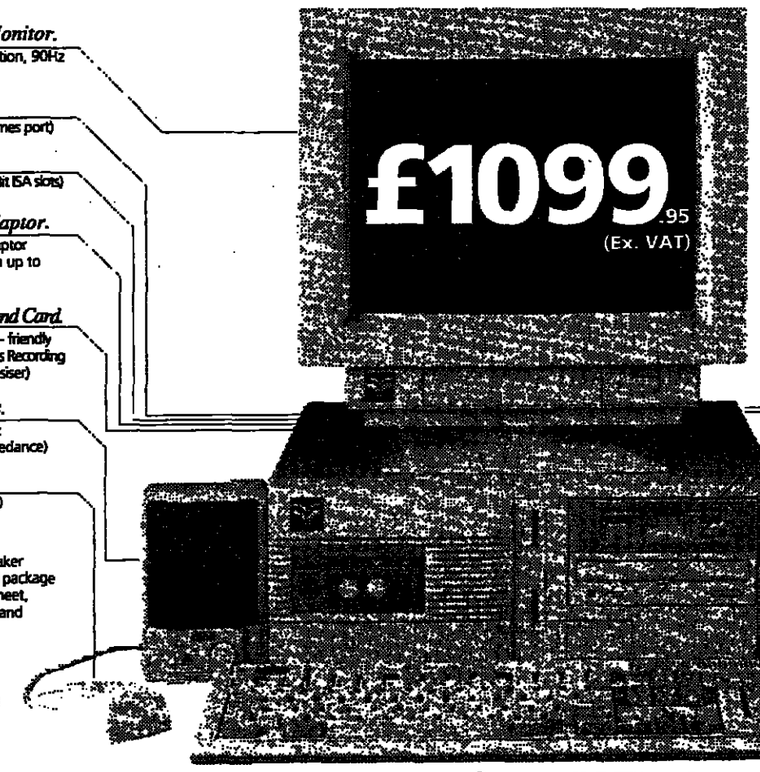
Albert Dryden, 53, a former steelworker, shot Harry Collinson, 46, as he led a team to demolish a bungalow Dryden had built at Bunsfield, Co Durham, in breach of planning laws.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, the Lord Chief Justice, sitting with Mr Justice Macpherson and Her Honour Judge Steel, said they were satisfied there had been no miscarriage of justice.

Dryden was convicted at Newcastle Crown Court in April 1992 of murdering Mr Collinson, attempting to murder Michael Dunstan, Derwentside District Council solicitor, and wounding a BBC reporter and a policeman who had witnessed the shooting.

It was claimed that there were significant irregularities in the 150 page summing up of the trial judge, Mrs Justice Ebsworth. But Lord Taylor said although it was flawed in one respect, they were satisfied that the jury, who watched television pictures of the shooting, could only have come to one conclusion.

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'A lot of clergy still believe in the power of prayer, which they hope will prevent them being robbed'

Insurers tell vicars to lock up their churches

BY EDWARD GORMAN

SECURITY seminars for the clergy are being held by an insurance company in an effort to stem the increase in thefts from churches.

Antiques and gold and silver ornaments worth millions of pounds, but often underinsured, have been stolen and many have been melted down or sold abroad.

The art loss register, an international data base set up by auction houses and the insurance industry to help to trace stolen goods, estimates that at least 25 valuable items are being stolen from churches every month.

"A lot of stuff is not reported. In reality the problem could be three or four times as bad as that," Caroline Wakeford, director of operations for the register, said. There are 3,000 church items on the register.

Jim Scott of the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, which insures much church property but often at less than its true value because of the high cost of premiums, is holding five security seminars this year in conjunction with the police and fire brigade.



Stolen: *The Holy Family*, worth £15,000

"A lot [of the clergy] still believe in the power of prayer, which they hope will prevent them being robbed," he said. "However, as one of the bishops said to me recently, prayer is OK but you've got to do something practical as well, such as putting a lock and bolt on the door. We can't be complacent about it. There is always an upward trend and there has been a great increase in thefts from churches in the past five years."

The rise in church thefts coincided with the onset of the recession in the late 1980s. Miss Wakeford believes improved security in museums and art galleries has made churches, many of which are open during the night and day, an increasingly attractive option to thieves.

Unattended churches in rural areas are popular targets for thieves. They take liturgical items such as crucifixes, chalices, candlesticks and lecterns, and large antiques such as medieval chests. There have also been thefts of paintings, tapestries, stained-glass windows that have been chiselled out of walls and statuary in graveyards.

In early January burglars forced their way through a locked door at St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton, and took eight items including a 30ft high gold processional cross and three jewel-encrusted gold chalices. None has been recovered.

An altar painting worth about £15,000 was stolen by thieves who walked into a church near Malmesbury, Wiltshire, while it was left open for visitors. The oil on canvas, *The Holy Family*, by the Italian Bartolomeo Schidone (1570-1615) has not been seen since.

Mr Scott's security recommendations to clergy include:

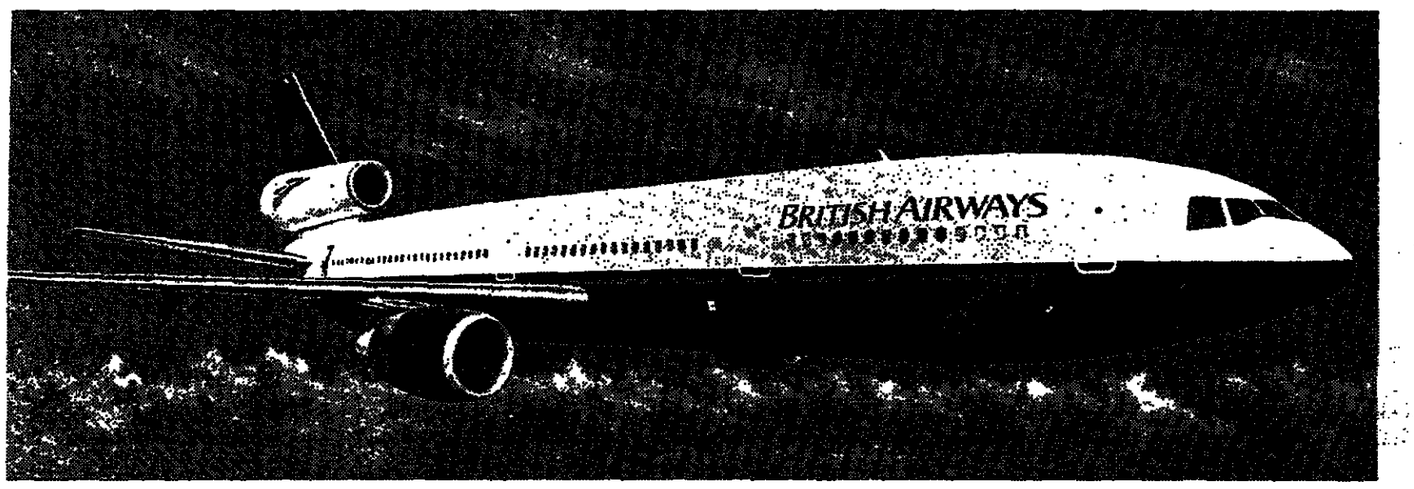
- ☐ altar pieces such as candlesticks and crosses should be replaced by wooden replicas when the church is not in use;
- ☐ church doors should be locked at night and during the day if empty;
- ☐ movable valuable items should be secured to the floor;
- ☐ valuables should be stored in a secure room, such as the vestry, with deadlocks on the doors and window grilles;
- ☐ photographs or videos should be taken of valuable items to help to trace them if they are stolen.

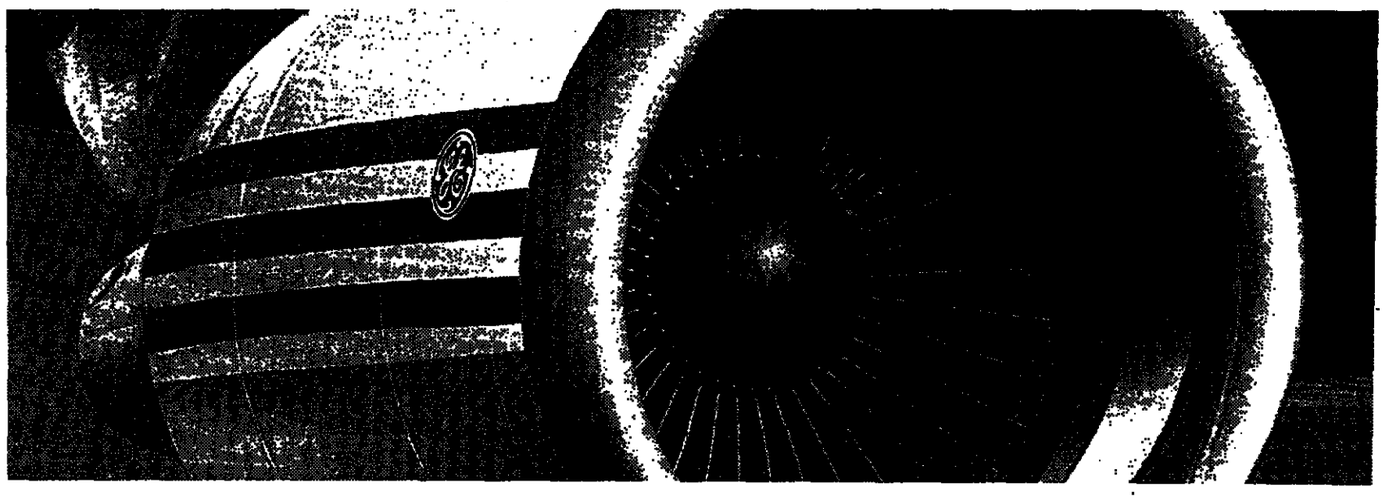
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Churches are vulnerable because many are still left open day and night, and thieves can simply walk in

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Two jailed over £17.5bn bank fraud

BY A STAFF REPORTER

TWO property developers involved in a £17.5 billion international fraud were each jailed for a year at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Michael Ricketts, 31, of Wallington, Surrey, and Daniel Duhaney, 32, of Stoke Newington, north London, pleaded guilty to presenting a forged letter of credit amounting to £7.5 million to a London bank. They had intended to invest the money in property in London's Docklands and near Sloane Square, central London.

A detective disclosed outside the court that the attempted fraud formed part of a police enquiry into the presentation of many other forged credit notes in Britain and America, worth a total of £17.5 billion. However, each time the letters of credit were presented the forgery was discovered and no money was passed over. The mastermind behind the operation is believed to have fled to another country.

The court was told that Ricketts and Duhaney resorted to fraud when their property business was hit by the recession and they faced large debts. Judge Richard Lowry QC said: "It is a sad thing to see two men of such excellent character brought low by this case."

Dictionary check spells bad taste

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A NEW electronic dictionary, when asked about the spelling of the word "Jewish", replies that it can find no such word and adds that the nearest equivalent is "gas".

Thousands of the £19.99 machines have been sold by *Innovations International*, a mail-order company based at Richmond, southwest London.

Richard Ford, a computer expert, said it was likely that the spell checkers were programmed by someone trying to make a joke about the Holocaust.

However, the company said it was certain the anti-Semitic message was not programmed deliberately. Rob Seeley, export manager, said the error was a quirk of the device's phonetic word searching system.

Staff were now checking with the American publishing firm Houghton Mifflin, the creators of the 85,000- word data base, to see if the error could be corrected.

Mr Ford, editor of the computer magazine *Virus Bulletin*, said: "It is remotely possible that it's some sort of quirk of the system. But the coincidence seems a little bit much to me. It sounds like someone's attempt at a very sick joke."

Houghton Mifflin was not available for coment.



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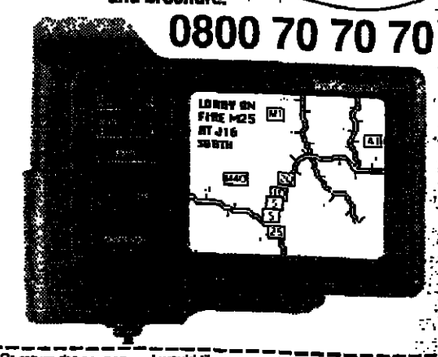
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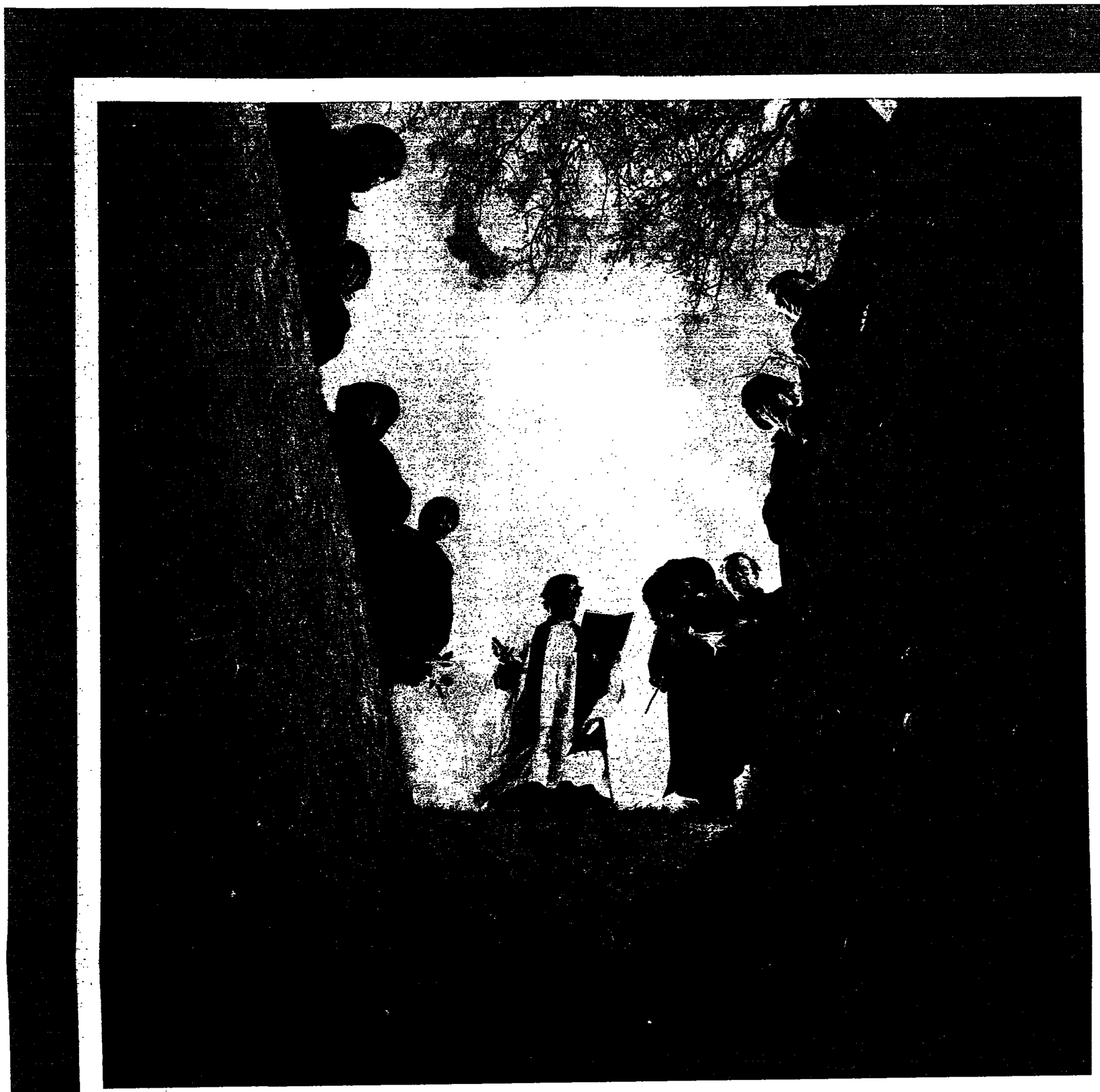
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Capital punishment debate makes a strong case for the guillotine



Fairbairn: questioned the right to silence

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

Questioning a move to bring back hanging, the exotic Scots Tory, Sir Nicholas Fairbairn, also questioned the right to silence. After yesterday's debate, so do we. For most of the MPs who spoke, silence should not be a right. It should be an absolute obligation.

The amendment — to restore capital punishment for those who murder police officers — was moved by John Greenway (C, Rydale). He made one of the most convincing cases the nation has ever heard in favour of the death penalty. For MPs.

Mr Greenway strikes onlookers as a well-meaning man. He told us he was an ex-police officer, and that his son was a police officer, himself engaged to marry another police officer. Hopes, kindled in progressive breasts, that this was a shock reference forward to the next debate, on homosexual consent, were killed by one glance at Mr Greenway. Standing at least six foot, he rocked gently on his heels and peered intently at a little notebook held before him. If he did not actually say "evenin' all", he came close.

Not just Mr Greenway's appearance, but his thought processes, too, seemed to owe something to his five years with the Metropolitan Police. When a Labour member put it to him that Winston Silcott, of the Tottenham Three, might have been wrongfully hanged under Greenway's amendment, he replied that whether or not Silcott was actually the murderer of PC Blakelock, "he was up to a serious crime". There was no doubt, he added that "the police have got their man, but I accept that the administration of the case was not all that it might have been".

Anyway, Mr Greenway had already disposed of the idea that wrongful convictions might be a problem. "The police surely have a vested interest in ensuring that the right man is convicted!" MPs scratched their heads. Golly. They had never thought of that.

Michael Howard made them think again. In one of the coolest, most lucid speeches the Home Secretary has made, Howard shredded the case for the amendment with steely logic.

Your sketchwriter, incidentally, used to be persuaded of it. After Howard's speech, it was hard to be.

Mr Howard was followed by the faintly evangelical passion — of Tony Blair, for Labour, who seems to be growing nicer and nicer, and cleaner and cleaner looking, with every debate. A Cliff Richard of the green benches.

For most of the hanging debate, there were not many more than 20 backbenchers on the Government side, and fewer than 20 opposite them. Nobody really believed that hanging would ever return.

Your sketchwriter recalls the equivalent debates of the early 1980s, when a packed House ran with what it believed, then, was a tide of interest in the possibility.

For most of the age of consent debate, the Chamber was twice as full. Almost everybody believed the age would be reduced. Most, even Tories, declaring that this was inevitable and right, and talking as though it had been perfectly obvious to men and women of good sense for years.

Your sketchwriter recalls his seven years in Parliament, from 1979 to 1986, when, as president of the Conservative Group for Homosexual Equality, he was never able to persuade colleagues that the possibility of reducing the age to 18, let alone 16, should even be debated. They used to look at me as if I were mad.

Now they look at those espousing what was once their own view as though they were mad.

Times move, thank God, leaving one behind.

Tory MPs protest at 'blackmail' in age of consent vote

BY ANDREW PIERCE

■ **Militant gays used threats of "outing" in an attempt to influence last night's vote on the age of consent, MPs claim**

TORY MPs, who fear an "outing" campaign by militant homosexuals, have lodged formal complaints with the Speaker about the tactics of some campaigners in the run-up to last night's vote on the age of consent.

With the majority of Labour MPs supporting John Smith in voting for equality it was the Tory MPs, who were predominantly against a change in the law to 16, who have incurred the wrath of the campaigners.

Outrage, the most extreme gay rights campaign group, was meeting later today to discuss its response to last night's vote. Some Tory MPs have apparently received anonymous threats. Others have had abusive telephone calls. Some Conservative associations have also been subjected to abusive telephone calls.

Some MPs have already written to complain to Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, alleging that the threat of outing is blackmail and an abuse of parliamentary procedure.

Nigel Evans, Tory MP for Ribble Valley, who decided to support the law remaining at 21 after conducting a two-hour street survey in his constituency, was appalled by the veiled threats. "It is nothing short of blackmail," he said. "But far from frightening MPs it is having a counter-productive effect. It probably drove them into the opposite division lobbies. I wrote to the Speaker to *see whether these measures* are in effect a contempt of court."

Mr Evans, 37, a bachelor, said it was not only those Tory MPs who were unmarried and over 30 who were targets for the blackmailers. "We have seen in the recent past it can apply to any Tory MP who is married or not. This could set a precedent. If they achieve the result they want by fear MPs will be susceptible to strongarm tactics from all sorts of lobbies, from the smoking to the anti-vivisection pressure groups." Harold Elletson, one of the Tory MPs who supported Edwina Currie, who tabled the equality amendment, says the tactics are "stupid blackmail".

Stonewall, the gay rights lobbying group whose founders include the actors Sir Ian McKellen and Michael Cashman, have consistently attacked moves to out politicians. "It is counter-productive," a spokesman for the organisation said yesterday. Stonewall, which has lobbied every MP and worked hand-in-hand with Mrs Currie, believes it could set back their cause. "We have built many bridges. The gay movement is *beginning to be heard at last,*" the spokesman said.

Peter Tatchell, one of the most controversial gay rights campaigners, denied that his organisation, Outrage, was behind any threats. In the past Outrage has staged a mock crucifixion outside a cathedral, staged a symbolic burning of gays and lesbians at the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury, held a mass gay wedding in Trafalgar Square, and outed a series of highly decorated but long dead old soldiers, such as Field Marshals Kitchener, Haig and Montgomery, and roller-skated into Westminster Cathedral.

But Mr Tatchell, a former Labour parliamentary candidate, conceded that the issue of outing would always be on the agenda if equality was not achieved. "Many gay people know who the gay MPs are. They know the Tory ones. They are very angry about double standards. But, given that, I am still opposed to outing. It is a retrograde step. But there are some who do not agree with me."



Gay rights campaigner Peter Tatchell believes "outing" is a retrograde step

MPs attack running of Sports Council

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE head of the Civil Service department supervising the Sports Council admitted last night that the threat of conflicts of interests ran through senior levels of the organisation. MPs demanded improvements in the running of the Sports Council after an independent report criticised a lack of openness and the risks *attached to council members* serving on trading companies created by the council.

The Sports Council was criticised extensively in a report by the National Audit Office, which said that there had been a series of problems in contracting out the councils' five national sports centres.

Sir Hayden Phillips, permanent secretary to the National Heritage Department, conceded that there had been mistakes which were now being addressed. Sir Hayden, giving evidence to the Commons Public Accounts Committee, was pressed to explain why several senior council members also had senior positions on the trading companies. "I fully accept that that sort of arrangement whereby the same person appears in different capacities is one which should be avoided."

He said that the case of a former Sports Council finance director who was also involved with a trading company was "an example that I would accept of the real risk of potential conflict of interest".

The present and former director-generals of the Sports Council also faced questioning over contracting out work at the national centres. In one case, a contract to run Bisham Abbey in Buckinghamshire was awarded to an organisation that had not tendered for the work. At the time of the tender, in October 1990, the council's chairman and director general were members of the tender panel and non-executive directors of SportsManager Limited, which was given the contract.

David Pickup, the former director-general, conceded that public confidence would have been enhanced if there had been greater openness, in the Sports Council's financial management. However, he insisted that the National Audit Office report had not shown actual conflict of interest or impropriety, but had pointed only to the potential for conflicts of interest.

AROUND THE LOBBY

British suffer in silence

The burgeoning complaints industry cranked up another gear yesterday with a plea from official watchdogs for people to complain about the way their complaints have been handled.

Lady Wilcox, chairman of the Citizen's Charter complaints task force, gently upbraided the public for *grumbling privately about the* state of their local schools and hospitals but failing to take their protests any further. She urged them to speak out more forcibly and to co-operate with her group's latest initiative — an investigation into how public bodies handle complaints.

"Constructive complaining is not something the British are very good at," Lady Wilcox said. "We moan to each other but rarely put pen to paper or pick up the telephone to complain. The task force is investigating what happens to people's complaints when they do get angry enough to complain."

On the day that the task force published a new booklet on the principles of a good complaints system, Lady Wilcox invited people to write to her at the Cabinet Office *and relive their experiences of* tangling with officialdom.

Drivers shun motorways

Recent research has shown that about one in two motorists rarely or never use motorways, MPs were told yesterday. Speaking during question time, John MacGregor, the Transport Secretary, said that about 85 per cent of motorway miles were driven by frequent users. The figures indicated why the Government had made clear its intention in principle to introduce motorway tolls.

Later this week Mr MacGregor is to announce a research and development programme on how the tolls should be collected. About 300 companies are expected to show an interest.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: health; Prime Minister. Intelligence Services Bill, second reading.
Lords (2.30): Police and Magistrates' Courts Bill, committee continued.

Activists stage candlelit vigil

BY ANDREW PIERCE

AT LEAST 1,000 people were gathering in London last night for a candlelit vigil outside the House of Commons as MPs voted for the first time in 27 years on whether to lower the age of consent.

A shadow was cast over the proceedings by the death at the weekend of Derek Jarman, the film maker and equal rights campaigner. A minute's silence was held in honour of Mr Jarman, whose dying wish was to see Parliament vote for equality.

Many Stonewall activists were listening to the debate in the Commons. Others preferred to wait outside until Edwina Currie, who proposed the amendment for 16, came out of the Commons to read the result of the vote.

Throughout the country many gay bars and clubs had set up telephone links to the Commons. One of the biggest parties was being held at the G.A.Y. bar in Charing Cross Road. Entry was by donation with proceeds going to gay charities.

In Manchester a rally was being held at Manto's Cafe Bar in The Village, the city's gay area. Graham Stringer, leader of Manchester City Council, and Patrick Karney, chairman of the city's arts and lesiure committee, were addressing the rally, which was organised by Manchester's Age of Consent Campaign.

Peter Tatchell, leader of Outrage, the gay rights organisation, was preparing to announce at the rally the next stage of the campaign. He said if the age of consent was not lowered to 16 there would be a mass march to Parliament on March 14.

The march would breach centuries-old Commons laws which forbid demonstrations taking place within a limited radius of the Palace of Westminster. Mr Tatchell said: "If they vote to treat us like criminals we will behave like criminals."

Homeless promised security

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR yesterday promised a new deal for the homeless as it denounced Government plans to refuse council flats and houses for single mothers.

John Battle, the Opposition housing spokesman, said that more than 65,000 families were accepted as homeless in the third quarter of last year and there was an acute shortage of rented accommodation.

"And yet the only response from the Government has been a consultation paper which has more to do with the discredited back to basics campaign than with any real attempt to tackle homelessness," he said.

It was wholly unacceptable that Sir George Young, the Housing Minister, should make scapegoats of some of the most vulnerable members of society "in a cynical bid to wash his hands of this issue".

Announcing plans for "Secure Homes 2000", Mr Battle said he would be embarking on a nationwide tour to take evidence from all big housing groups, to meet homeless people and to visit local housing projects. On the basis of this evidence, Labour would draw up a new blueprint for tackling the housing and homelessness crisis.

He said that independent estimates suggested that at least 100,000 new homes to rent were needed each year, yet the Government would not accept there was a shortage of rented homes.

The latest figures showed that 1,000 families a week lost their homes through repossession; 500 families were accepted as statutorily homeless by local authorities every day; 8,000 people slept rough every night; and more than 6,000 families were in bed and breakfast accommodation.

Mr Battle also criticised ministers for handing out £13.5 million a week to private landlords in housing benefit while pursuing a "vendetta" against local authority housing.

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'It is as immoral for the state to take a human life as it is for any individual'

Commons rejects return of death penalty for killers

BY ALICE THOMSON, JONATHAN PRYNN AND ROBERT MORGAN

MPs LAST night voted overwhelmingly against the restoration of capital punishment for murder. A proposal to reintroduce it for all murders was rejected by 403 votes to 159 and a move to bring back the ultimate penalty for the murder of a police officer was rejected by 383 votes to 186.

The votes came at the end of the 14th debate on the death penalty since it was abolished for murder in 1965.

Michael Howard made a personal plea to MPs not to restore the death penalty, after explaining why he had changed his mind on the issue. Stressing his determination to take action against violent crime, the Home Secretary said: "I do not believe that the restoration of capital punishment should be part of it."

Mr Howard told the House that he had always believed the death penalty could act as a deterrent in certain cases, and voted until 1990 for its restoration for the murder of police officers or murders committed with firearms. But he said that after the case of the Birmingham Six and the wrongful conviction of Stephan Kiszko for the murder of a schoolgirl, he had withdrawn his support. "Miscarriages of justice are a blot on a civilised society. We cannot but be relieved that the death penalty was not available when we consider the plight of those who have been wrongfully convicted," he said. "We should not fail to consider the irreparable damage which would be inflicted on the criminal justice system had innocent people been executed."

He said that murdering a police office deserved the most powerful denunciation society could deliver but that did not mean the death penalty. "We ask our police officers to confront on our behalf those who have no compunction about using violence to further their ends or to escape capture," he said and recommended that in some cases they stayed in prison for the rest of their life.

The Home Secretary said that he had consulted the Lord Chief Justice on the amendment to reintroduce the death penalty for all murderers over the age of 18 subject to a special sitting of the Court of Appeal. "He shares the opinion of his predecessor that the Court of Appeal would usually be in a worse position than the trial judge to make the decision, having not heard the evidence or seen the defendant or the witnesses. He is strongly of the view that it must be up to Parliament," Mr Howard said.

Tony Blair, the Shadow Home Secretary, said that although the majority in the country would support the death penalty, that instantaneous reaction was very different from considered debate. "We are in the end representatives and not delegates and must act on our own consciences," he said.

His main objection to the death penalty was that there could not be a blanket penalty of death and it would be impossible to arbitrate over who deserved capital punishment. "The difference between the circumstances are infinite but death is death. There is no recall," he said. He argued that the death penalty could not be justified on either practical or moral grounds.

John Greenway (C, Ryedale), a former Metropolitan Police officer, opened the debate with a powerful call for the death penalty for the "particularly outrageous and despicable" crime of murdering a police officer". He said: "I take the view that these evil men who show such utter contempt for the lives of serving police officers deserve to pay for their horrific crimes by forefeiting their own lives."



Greenway: "Evil men should pay for crimes"



Peacock: called for death for all murders



Howard: explained why he changed mind

He pointed out that in the three years since the Commons last debated capital punishment, eight policemen had been murdered on duty in England. The most recent was the stabbing of Sergeant Derek Robertson during the investigation of a robbery in south London earlier this month.

While conceding that the deterrent effect of the death penalty was impossible to measure. "if the life of just one officer had been spared" through its reintroduction it would be justified, he said.

Mr Greenway, whose eldest son and his fiancée are both police officers, said the rate of murder of police officers had doubled since the abolition of hanging. Criminals were far more likely to carry guns and knives now because they had less to lose, he said.

He accepted that the death penalty could only be reintroduced in conjunction with proposed improvements to the criminal justice system that would prevent "rare and exceptional" miscarriages of justice. He also argued that it was not in the interests of the police to secure wrongful convictions after the murder of a police officer because "the killer remains at large ready to strike and kill again".

John Gunnell (Lab, Leeds South and Morley), said that capital punishment was evil. It was not only morally indefensible, but irrelevant as a deterrent. It was inexcusable as a punishment because of its irrevocability. It was insidiously damaging to any society that practised it.

The recent miscarriages of justice destroyed the case for the final solution for the person concerned. Mr Gunnell added: "The restoration of judicial murder would degrade our national life."

Elizabeth Peacock, Tory MP for Batley and Spen, put forward a new clause providing for the death penalty for all murders. But her clause also provided for the Court of Appeal to examine every case to decide whether the penalty was appropriate. She said that since MPs last voted on the issue, in 1990, there had been an increase in support in the country for the reintroduction of the death penalty.

The beating to death of an old lady in her home, as happened recently in her constituency, was equally as abhorent as the murder of a policeman while on duty.

If one looked at what was happening on the streets and in the homes, it was clear that Britain was rapidly becoming uncivilised. "Action must be taken to arrest this dangerous trend," she declared. "The criminal law no longer provides a credible sanction for the most heinous form of wrongdoing."

Menzies Campbell (Lib Dem, North East Fife), supported the view that human life was sacred and that to take it was immoral. "It is as immoral for the state to take human life as it is for any individual," he said.

Repenting Labour sinners welcomed for Tory approach

Labour has begun to abandon its caution *on economic policy*. Its consultative paper on *Financing Infrastructure Investment* is a skilful attempt to outflank the Government's private finance initiative. No matter that some key issues are fudged. That is less important than the impression that Labour is prepared to escape from previous thinking and to float new ideas.

The key to the shift is the identity of the authors, Gordon Brown, Robin Cook and John Prescott. The three have not always been comfortable associates on Labour's economics team. Clashes of ego and view have hampered co-operation. The new document breaks the log-jam. Labour has never been as opposed to the private sector as has often been believed. Harold Wilson and his generation met sympathetic businessmen and economists, notably in the XYZ Club. Similar contacts have continued for many years in the Labour finance and industry group, to which the new paper is being presented on Thursday.

The National Plan and the Industrial Reorganisation Corporation of the mid-1960s were launched to improve the performance of the private sector. Similarly, during the early- and mid-1970s, Lord Wilson resisted Tony Benn's proposals for further nationalisation and an ambitious National Enterprise Board taking stakes in many private companies.

The balance has now shifted. Instead of suggesting how the public sector can provide finance for the private sector, the paper outlines how the private sector can ease the financial constraints of the public sector.

Much of the argument has been highly theological — based on the Ryrie rules of 1981, for which the eponymous Sir William was never really an enthusiast. These imposed tight restrictions on when, and how, *nationalised industries* might raise private finance. The rules have been relaxed, first by John Major in May 1989; then by Norman Lamont in November 1990; and, most recently, by Kenneth Clarke last November in setting up the private finance working group under Sir Alastair Morton to open up the flow of private finance.

There remain big uncertainties about how much private finance can be raised, hence the need for the Morton group. The main stumbling block is risk. Private investors are reluctant to commit themselves to projects over which they do not have full control and could incur sizeable losses, while the public sector is loathe to bear all the risk. Mr Prescott yesterday urged sharing of risk, with the Government taking responsibility for uncertainties such as the timing of legislation and the private sector taking on design efficiency, cost and late completion.

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Mr Clarke is no friend of Treasury theology and is committed to pushing the initiative. Stephen Dorrell, the Financial Secretary, has been looking at ways of attracting private finance not just to big schemes such as CrossRail but also to roads and other monopoly services which can be franchised. To that extent, the Labour paper is charging through a door already opened by the Government.

Mr Dorrell last night welcomed Labour rather as repenting sinners for adopting the Tory approach, though Mr Prescott can fairly claim to have urged the leasing of BR rolling stock before the last election. The parentage matters less than Labour's success in stealing, or least copying, one of the Tories' few appealing items of clothing.

PETER RIDDELL

Prescott denies ruse on private investment

BY ALICE THOMSON
POLITICAL REPORTER

JOHN Prescott yesterday launched an audacious campaign to inject private finances into the state sector and to woo big business away from the Conservative Party.

Labour's radical new policy document comes just as the Conservatives are speeding up their initiative on private investment in state-run areas. The document, *Financing Infrastructure Investment*, will be debated on Thursday at a conference led by John Smith.

Sir Alastair Morton, head of the Government's Private Finance Initiative, has been poached for the conference to help to win the confidence of private companies.

Mr Prescott, shadow Employment Secretary and architect of the document, yesterday admitted that the Government's review was similar to Labour's. But he denied that it was merely a ruse to make Labour appear more ideologically appealing to the private sector.

Mr Prescott said he had been advocating the idea long before the Tories, and they had climbed on to the bandwagon. Labour goes beyond Government plans to extend private capital to transport and construction. It would also free education and health services to private investment.

Stephen Dorrell, financial secretary to the Treasury, said: "We have been in this particular bath for the last decade. If Labour wants to jump in they will find the water pleasantly warm."



Prescott: claims Tories climbed on bandwagon

Smith launches recovery plan

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

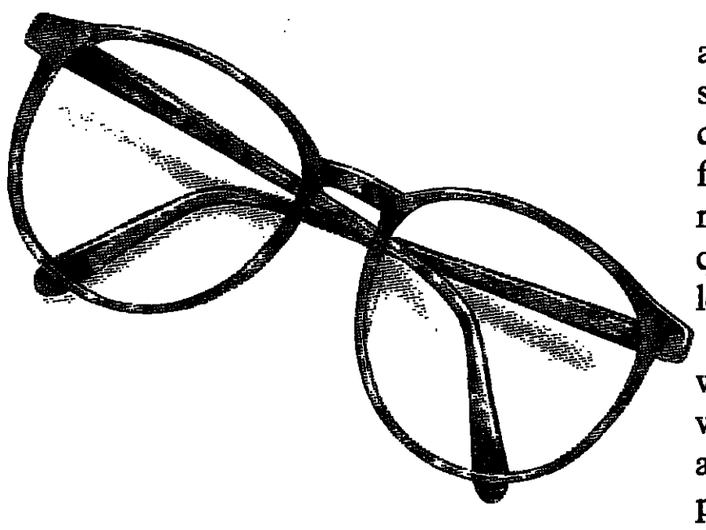
INTEREST rates should be cut right across Europe, John Smith said in Geneva yesterday as he outlined proposals to help industrialised countries to break free from the recession.

The Labour Leader also called for an overhauling of international bodies responsible for promoting stable markets and combating Third World poverty. He proposed a United Nations economic council, modelled on the security council, linked closely to a new financial body formed out of a merger between the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

Mr Smith said that across the West growth was too weak and unemployment too high. He wanted a co-ordinated reduction in European interest rates capitalising on the recent cut by the German Bundesbank. "This matters especially in the UK where massive tax rises are about to hit consumers very hard," he told the Socialist International in Geneva.

Looking forward to the Group of Seven jobs summit in the United States next month, Mr Smith added that the leading industrialised countries should also shore up investment in big construction projects and offer more help to Eastern European and Third World countries to maintain demand and tackle their debts.

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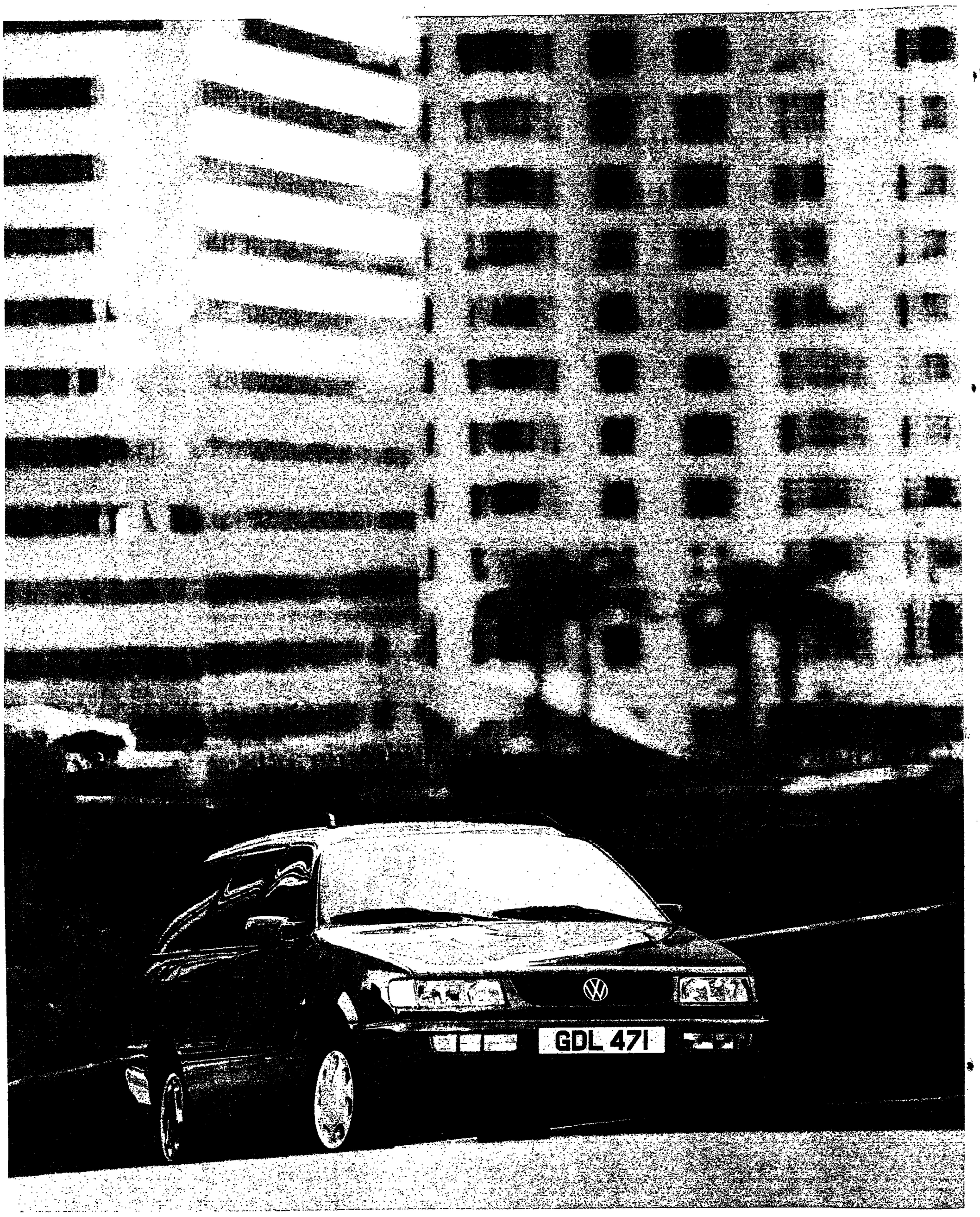
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Flat owners fail to take advantage of lease reform

■ Laws designed to allow householders to become freeholders have failed to stir any interest, say consumer groups

BY RACHEL KELLY, PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

THE controversial Leasehold Reform Act, passed last year to the fury of freeholders such as the Duke of Westminster, has proved a big disappointment to leaseholders.

The Bill was trumpeted as the greatest property reform this century. Leaseholders were entitled to force unwilling landlords to give them longer leases or allow them to buy their freeholds, giving people control of their property and freedom from unscrupulous freeholders and high service charges.

But consumer groups have yet to hear of a single flat-dweller who has been able to take advantage of last November's legislation. Consumers have been put off by the cost and the complexity of the legislation which excludes many would-be buyers.

Yesterday Sir George Young, the Housing Minister, launched an advisory service to help leaseholders take advantage of the law. He said: "I am as aware as anyone that the procedures are complex. They have to be in order to provide the necessary safeguards and to ensure fairness to both leaseholder and landlord. It is important for the service to act impartially and to provide advice to both parties."

Peter Haler, chief executive of the new Leasehold Enfranchisement Advisory Service, said: "We're not aware of anyone who has yet enfranchised. There's a major concern about costs, because the procedure requires three separate elements of cost, and there is also the cost of hiring professional help."

The new service, based in London, has been established as a joint public and private sector partnership, with a Government grant of more than £100,000.

Mr Haler said people wanted to know how much it would cost to enfranchise a particular property, but in the absence of test-cases to determine the value of the landlord's and the leaseholder's shares, it was difficult to give guidance. "In principle, there's a lot of people who want to enfranchise, but the process is going very slowly," he said.

Joan South, of the Leasehold Enfranchisement Association, which represents leaseholders who want to buy the freehold of their home, said leaseholders were disappointed by the reforms. The legislation was complex and the cost of enfranchising was high for ordinary people, she said.

"Disappointment is general as the many unsatisfactory elements of the legislation become more apparent. There are problems with the actual complexities of the drafting, and ... relating to eligibility and the cost of enfranchisement," Ms South said.

A spokesman for the Environment Department admitted that there had been a cautious start to the process. "It will take some test cases to speed up the process. But the legislation came in only last November. You could have enfranchised if there were no disputes involved, but if there were differences it would take longer."

The Department was aware of half a dozen cases that had begun, the spokesman said. "We are also aware that some landlords and are prepared to grant longer terms."



The Duchess of Kent, launching Change for Good, tries on a BA hat for size

Children's charity takes off

POCKETFULS of unwanted foreign coins brought back from holidays abroad could help to raise millions of pounds for the children's charity UNICEF.

British Airways and the Duchess of Kent, patron of UNICEF, launched a campaign at Heathrow Airport yesterday to persuade passengers to hand over unwanted currency to cabin crew for the charity.

Sir Colin Marshall, BA chairman, said of the campaign, Change for Good: "We carry more than 25 million people a year and their spare foreign coins would be pennies from heaven for the world's less fortunate children.

"Normally, low-value notes and coins cannot be exchanged, so many people put them in a safe place and forget them, taking millions of pounds out of circulation each year. Putting this money back to work will benefit UNICEF enormously."

James Grant, executive director of the charity, said: "Our link with British Airways could raise up to £40 million for UNICEF, making it the largest single private charitable fund-raising programme in our history."

He said that the money would make a "giant change" to the lives of children round the world, such as those who needed medicines costing £1 to prevent blindness.

Princess takes the arduous route

BY ALAN HAMILTON

WHILE the Queen progresses in post-imperial splendour around her tiny Caribbean realms, and the Prince of Wales besports himself on the ski slopes of Klosters after a successful tour of Australasia, the Princess Royal today sets off on a 17-day visit to some of the poorest parts of the world.

In her capacity as president of Save the Children, the Princess will tour aid projects in Ethiopia and Eritrea, victims both of civil war and famine, before undertaking the first royal visit to Vietnam, where Britain is now the fifth largest foreign investor.

Members of the Princess's staff yesterday described the tour as arduous even by her exacting standards.

In Ethiopia, she will see refugee camps and a rehabilitation centre for prostitutes, drug addicts and the homeless in the slums of Addis Ababa which was partly funded by the Comic Relief appeal. In neighbouring Eritrea, she will be the first royal visitor since the country won independence in 1993.

Both countries are receiving aid from the Overseas Development Administration and British charities, but are seeking international support on a much greater scale. The Princess will stay in the basic facilities of a Save the Children compound on the Ethiopia-Somalia border.

When she moves to Vietnam, she will again be the first royal visitor since the fall of the American-backed regime in Saigon in 1975. One of her visits will be to an artificial limb centre in Hanoi that is still treating victims of the war 20 years later.

The Princess will tour petrochemical plants operated by British companies in partnership with the Vietnamese, and a thread factory operated by the Coates textile company, which exports its products to Australia. Britain is the major player in Vietnam's growing oil industry, with a £250 million investment.

The Princess will end her tour with a four-day working visit to Hong Kong.

Church demands amnesty for illegal immigrants



Gardner: died after police served deportation order

BY BILL FROST

ILLEGAL immigrants who have evaded deportation for more than five years should be allowed to remain in Britain permanently, an alliance of inter-denominational church groups said yesterday.

The Churches Commission for Racial Justice called on the Government to introduce "a not-to-be repeated amnesty" this year for those who fulfilled certain conditions.

Illegal immigrants who have lived in the United Kingdom for at least five years should be allowed to stay, the commission said. So, too, should a person "who is the parent of at least one child born here who has lived in the UK for a minimum of two years" or "is self-sufficient in terms of housing and income".

The commission was aware of a growing sense of unease, "and even outrage over the current policy and practice of immigration law". It called on the Government to reduce the tension between police and minority ethnic communities "and diminish the possibility of further tragedies such as the Joy Gardner case" — a reference to the Jamaican woman who died last summer after a struggle with police serving a deportation order.

The Government should also "send a message, in the midst of rising racial harassment, to the black communities and to their persecutors that black and minority people are welcome in Britain," the commission said.

The Government's treatment of those who fled to Britain to escape persecution and civil strife in their own countries was also criticised yesterday. An increasing number of asylum seekers were being held in prisons and detention centres and being denied their basic human rights, said the Asylum Rights Campaign.

"Since the introduction of the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act last July, the number of asylum seekers in detention has risen from 317 (July 1993) to 622 (January 1994)," the campaign said. Well over half the detainees had been held for more than three months: 52 were unaware of the reason for their detention; 44 had no contact with the Home Office for four weeks and 15 had asked for medical treatment and not received it. The ARC called on the Government to end the use of prison for asylum seekers. Detention, "if used at all", should only be for very short periods, it said.

□ A dozen suspected illegal immigrants — believed to be eight Chinese and four Turkish Kurds — were found on Sunday night in a marina at Walton on the Naze, Essex. The 12, plus a Briton and an American, were questioned by customs officials yesterday.

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Church 'has to drop its aversion to advertising'

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

THE Church should drop its aversion to advertising and do more to get its message across to those who have never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ, according to a report published yesterday.

The report makes clear that the Church should stop spending money on those already in the fold and do more to attract those outside it.

Paying the Piper, Advertising and the Church, by a church working party, finds it a matter of "deep regret" that the church has no unified communications strategy across all 44 dioceses.

It finds there is no ethical bar to advertising as long as it is used in a unified fashion within the Church of England, and in close co-operation with other churches. The report urges different denominations to act together and to hire an agency for large-scale advertising.

The Lichfield diocese recently ran a £7,000 television advertising campaign, and the Churches Advertising Network, run from the Oxford diocese, has increased attendances with poster campaigns at Christmas.

Canon Colin Semper, treasurer of Westminster Abbey and chairman of the working party, said some people might feel that for a church to advertise "was somehow supping with the devil". But he added: "This is a very strange piece of theology, because Jesus came into a world that was hugely corrupt."



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT

McDonald wins by half a point

NEIL McDonald from Gravesend, Kent, has captured first prize in the Baroque International tournament at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, central London. Despite overreaching in his game against Mortazavi, McDonald displayed enormous persistence, finishing half a point clear of the rest of the field.

Mortazavi fell back, missing his chance of first prize — either outright or shared — by losing in the final round to Demetrios Agnos.

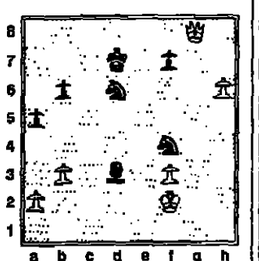
Nevertheless, Mortazavi has the consolation of having clinched his second international master result. One more such performance is required to be awarded the title.

Final scores (from 9 possible): Neil McDonald 7; Ali Mortazavi, Demetrios Agnos 6.5; Philip Morris 6; Aaron Summerscale 5.5; Maarten Etmans, Ken McEwan, Max Tyrtania 3; Conor O'Shaugnessy 2.5; Andrew Harley 2.

White: Demetrios Agnos
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Baroque International, February 1994
Sicilian defence

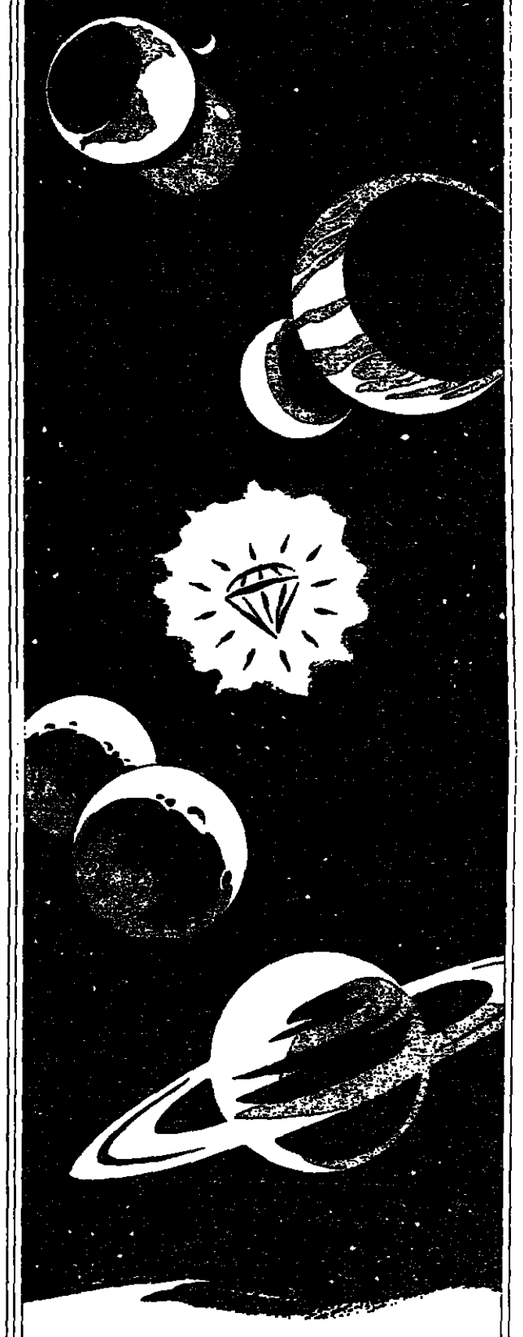
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Australian spies say MI6 has run them for 40 years

FROM ROBERT COCKBURN IN SYDNEY

■ Two disgruntled former spies claim that Canberra's intelligence agents follow British orders, often against Australian interests

TWO former senior intelligence officers claimed last night that the Australian Secret Intelligence Service (Asis) has in effect been run for 40 years as an arm of Britain's MI6, often to the detriment of Australia's national interests.

These potentially explosive allegations, made on Australia's leading television current affairs programme, will fuel Australia's republican aspirations, yet at the same time cause embarrassment to the government of Paul Keating, the Prime Minister, which has been trying to distance itself from Britain.

According to the unnamed officers interviewed on ABC's *Four Corners* programme, MI6 is still referred to as "head office" within Asis, 40 years after its establishment by MI6. Asis is said to have been "doing the dirty work" for MI6 and America's CIA, which are alleged to have taken advantage of the trust many nations place in Australia as an honest broker in China, Asia and the Middle East.

One of the former officers said: "We're seen as a very benign influence in the region in which Asis operates, which is the Pacific and in Asia and people will tell Australians all sorts of things they would never dream of telling the Americans."

Fearing a government banning order, *Four Corners* kept the 40-minute report secret until it went on the air, scheduling a decoy story which was replaced at the last minute. Even Chris Anderson, the ABC's head of news and current affairs, was unaware of the programme.

The most sensitive allegation, from an agent who resigned ten months ago, is that Asis agents are currently carrying out bugging and surveillance operations against China in Hong Kong for British intelligence. The programme posed the question: "Why risk our vital growing relationship with Peking by doing the dirty work for a Britain actively retreating from our region?" An "authorised" investigation by BBC's *Panorama* programme into Britain's secret service was cited. Showing part of a Tom Mangold interview with Baroness Park, formerly a senior MI6 official, the programme observed: "What this MI6 officer doesn't reveal in her authorised interview is that Australian 'Tech-Ops' experts are doing much of the bugging for the British in Hong Kong."

Similar involvement in covert operations for Britain and America is said to have taken place in Argentina during the Falklands conflict, in Cairo during the Gulf War and its aftermath, in Delhi, and in the Philippines where Asis agents are said to have provided



Keating: likely to be embarrassed by claim

money to rebels who attempted to overthrow Cory Aquino when she was President.

The programme claimed that information gained by Australia for its allies is not necessarily shared with the Australian government. Indeed, the former spies say it is often used to work against Australian interests, for example in obtaining trade secrets in Kuwait after the Gulf War which would have worked against Australia's own business interests.

Asis, they say, will do this simply to be able to play a part in what is perceived as the big time of spying, however cynically it is used by its allies. Mr Keating and Gareth Evans, the Foreign Minister, who is directly responsible for Asis, face criticism either way, whether they admit knowledge of these operations or if they appear ignorant of them.

One officer told of a seemingly bizarre initiative to set up an Australian intelligence outpost in Cairo, which was to help British intelligence after a "disastrous setback" for MI6 in Baghdad, where a number of its agents were killed. The Cairo post was established when Bob Hawke was Prime Minister and relations with Britain were closer.

The officer disclosed the amazement of Bill Hayden, the then Foreign Minister who is now Governor-General. When he visited the officer in Cairo, Mr Hayden reportedly exclaimed: "God, mate, what the hell is Asis doing in this part of the world?"

The former Asis officers provided the programme with details of operations at the risk of going to jail. Their motivation, they say, was to reform a service that is out of control, and they have called for an enquiry.

However, both men also have personal grievances against Asis, which they say treated them badly in the field when they were station chiefs. The former officers catalogue numerous field disasters, claiming the loss of a top aide to President Saddam Hussein of Iraq who wished to defect before the Gulf War. So suspicious are Australian diplomats of Asis operatives that, it is claimed, the Australian embassy in Cairo blew the cover of one of the former officers to Egyptian officials to "get that Asis bastard out". The former officers claim the CIA offered to assassinate the diplomat concerned.

Last night a spokesman for Mr Evans told ABC radio that the minister had "confidence in the current detailed arrangements for the oversight of Asis" and no enquiry was necessary.



Schoolboys celebrating at an Islamabad hotel after they were freed by Afghan gunmen who hijacked their bus and demanded a ransom

Gunmen die in storming of Afghan embassy

PAKISTANI commandos stormed the Afghan embassy in Islamabad in a hail of gunfire last night, killing three Afghan gunmen who had been holding five schoolboys and a teacher hostage (Our Foreign Staff writes). "All the children and the teacher were rescued without a scratch," the Interior Secretary, Jamshed Burki, said. "The operation is over."

The embassy had been surrounded earlier by an elite commando unit. The three Afghans had been demanding $5 million (£3.4 million) and food for the besieged Afghan capital of Kabul. "They are terrorists, these demands are irrational and they are only after money," Zahid Saeed, Pakistan's acting Foreign Secretary, who conducted negotiations with the gunmen, said earlier. Mr Saeed stated that Pakistan had promised to supply food but refused to pay the money. "We are trying to convince them that what they have done is a crime and they have to face the consequences." He had set this morning as the deadline for the men, who were armed with grenades and pistols, to release the children.

The gunmen, who along with their captives were holed up in a room in the embassy, released five boys late yesterday evening after their conditions deteriorated. One boy fainted and was taken to hospital in an ambulance. Mohammed Roshan Khan, the Afghan ambassador, said that the kidnappers were agitated and nervous and demanded sleeping pills for themselves. He said that the men were "capable of anything". The gunmen had hijacked the bus as it was taking home 74 children, aged four to 15, from Peshawar Modern School on Sunday. The bus was driven for five hours to Islamabad, passing through many police checkpoints.

How the kidnappers managed to complete the journey, even stopping along the way for petrol, without being apprehended has not been explained by police. It is one of the most heavily policed roads in the country, because it is used extensively by Afghans entering the country illegally. Before driving to the embassy, the bus was parked in front of Parliament House for five hours while the hijackers demanded to meet Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, who took personal charge of negotiations. The demands, which at one point included two helicopters and a promise of free passage, changed repeatedly. The kidnappers had said that the hostages would not be freed until food had reached Kabul.

Japan accused over illegal whale meat

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS ON NORFOLK ISLAND

RUSSIAN authorities are investigating a shadowy scheme to sell 200 tons of whale meat to Japan for £750,000. "There is no place that you could obtain that amount of meat legally," said Konstantin Shevliagin, Russia's whaling commissioner.

Conservationists at an International Whaling Commission conference on Norfolk Island, in the South Pacific, said the case underlined signs of growing illegal traffic in whale meat. They said it also implicates Japan in the smuggling operations. Mr Shevliagin was investigating an attempt by Vladimir Kamentsev, a former Ministry of Fisheries chief official who is now on the executive committee of Russia's International Fish Stock Exchange, to legalise the shipment to Japan.

Mr Kamentsev and his son, Vladimir Kamentsev, who represents the Russian Committee for Fisheries in Japan, claimed the meat had been frozen since at least 1987, but the company they claimed owned the meat did not exist.

Zapatistas harden demands

BY DAVID ADAMS, LATIN AMERICA CORRESPONDENT

INDIAN rebels attending the first day of tightly guarded peace talks with the Mexican government in the southern state of Chiapas yesterday issued a call for profound changes in the country's political system, including electoral reforms and local Indian autonomy.

The rebels' insistence on these tough demands appeared to surprise government officials who had earlier said they would discuss only local grievances.

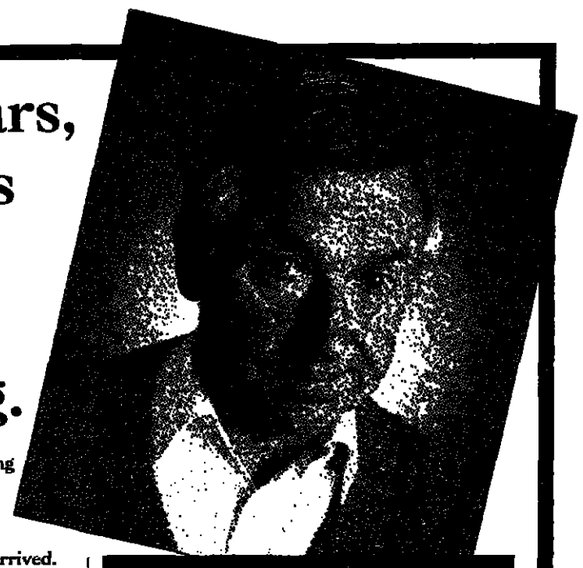
"We cannot give up things that will destabilise the political order," said Manuel Camacho, the government-appointed peace commissioner. "The cost of doing that would be to increase conflict rather than reduce it."

But in an interview with reporters before the talks began "Sub-Commander Marcos", the masked Zapatista military chief, said the rebels would disarm only if their demands for democratic reform in Mexico were met. "We don't fool ourselves. Either the democratic process is national or there is not a democratic process," he said.

If the rebels have their way, the peace talks, which opened in the cathedral of San Cristobal de las Casas, could force the government to accept reforms prior to presidential elections on August 21. This could threaten to end 65 years of uninterrupted rule by the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI).

Although the Zapatista uprising by an estimated 2,000 Indian peasants was quickly contained, the government is clearly concerned by increasing pressure for democratic reform. Mexico is a virtual one-party state and the PRI has traditionally enjoyed a monopoly of power.

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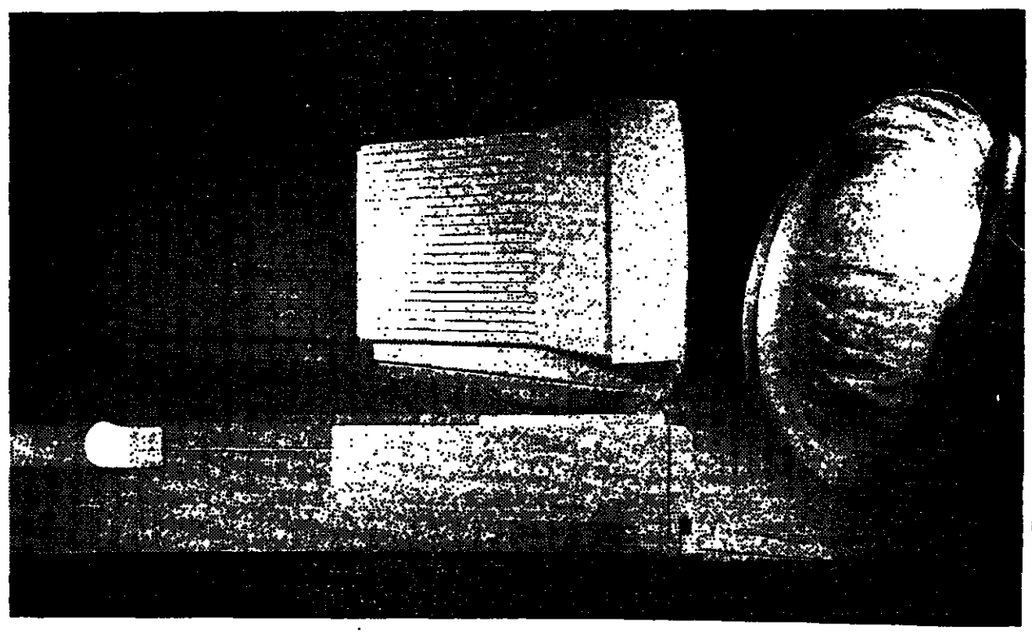
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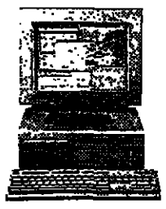
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Zulu king asks for Britain's help to restore monarchy

FROM RICHARD OWEN AND MICHAEL HAMLYN IN ULUNDI

PRESIDENT de Klerk will meet the King of the Zulus, Goodwill Zwelithini, today in a last-minute bid to persuade him to encourage his subjects not to boycott the general election. Two weeks ago the king caused consternation by telling the President that the elections were irrelevant and he wanted the full power of his kingdom restored within the borders of 1834.

With time running out for a negotiated settlement, Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party and Chief Minister of KwaZulu, yesterday gave a warning that an attempt by the government and African National Congress to impose their will on the Zulus by force would lead to "ugly scenes".

Chief Buthelezi accused the Western powers of riding roughshod over the interests of the Zulu nation in their eagerness to solve the constitutional impasse and of trying to compel his party to take part. "The world wants the South African problem off their backs," Chief Buthelezi said. "They say: 'We want to get rid of this incubus of apartheid. We don't care what the consequences are'."

But as the Freedom Alliance of black and white conservatives, of which Inkatha is a member, met to decide its response to the latest proposals from the government and the ANC, Chief Buthelezi left the door open for last-minute participation: "We are still committed to negotiations."

Sir Anthony Reeve, the British ambassador, yesterday held talks with Chief Buthelezi following a call by King Goodwill for Britain to help him to regain his sovereignty. The king said: "I would be very grateful to see the Prime Minister be supportive of the steps I have taken. History binds us together."

The Chief Minister angrily dismissed suggestions that any voting was better than no voting. "The idea that any voting is a panacea is a result of callousness towards the lives of black people."

Chief Buthelezi said he had assured the independent electoral commission that he would not prevent electioneering in his region. But he made it clear that such electioneering would be impossible if his party was boycotting the process. He pointed to the weekend massacre of 15 people attending an ANC election education workshop in Natal as an example. He accused Nelson Mandela, the ANC president, of having a "morbid mind" for suggesting that he and Inkatha could be held responsible. He insisted that the "so-called concessions" by Mr Mandela contained nothing new. He said the regional powers were inadequate, and the Zulus wanted to exercise self-determination through self-rule. Having failed to secure a federated South Africa he could not stop the king from demanding full sovereignty. "Even now I am committed to negotiation. I have never abandoned negotiations. But I would be foolish to say that I don't recognise a dead end when we have arrived at a dead end. The other people are not offering anything."

The Zulus would resist any use of force. "The British tried to annihilate us, but we did not cease to exist, and we will not cease existing because of Mandela and de Klerk." Zulus had resisted Britain in colonial times "and we are still of that breed. We are not afraid of anyone. Disraeli said the Zulus were a remarkable people. I do not believe we have ceased to be remarkable since then".



The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh waving goodbye to the villagers of Santa Mission before she addressed Guyana's parliament in Georgetown yesterday

Jackson family values pay off

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

IN HIS brief appearance on last Saturday's Jackson Family Honours show, superstar Michael demonstrated that his fans still love him for his music, and that America's corporate advertisers are learning to love him for the sheer tawdriness of his life story.

The bizarre concert-cum-awards ceremony was not without controversy. Its organisers stand accused of salting away the proceeds of what was billed as a charity show, but for once Jackson was not the chief villain.

Greeted by a four-minute standing ovation, he beamed into the lights and said "I love you, too" before delivering scripted tributes to Elizabeth Taylor and Berry Gordy Jr., founder of the Motown record label. The cheers then turned to catcalls because he refused to sing any of his hits.

The audience in Las Vegas had paid up to $1,000 (£675) for tickets and were told that the proceeds of the event would go to charity. Half a million dollars have been pledged to America's Permanent Charities Committee, which will distribute most of the money to earthquake relief agencies in California. What ticket-holders were not told was that up to $5.5 million of the show's proceeds will be paid to Jackson Jubilee Inc., a non-profit organisation set up by the family to cover the event's estimated $3 million production costs, and that an undisclosed sum from the $5.5 million will end up in a family corporation called Jackson Communications Inc.

A spokesperson for the corporation told the *Los Angeles Times* last week that it had been "set up to give the family an opportunity to develop a dynastic quality very much in the tradition of the Rockefellers and the Vanderbilts". Family representatives have insisted that none of the Jacksons stands to profit.

Ticket revenues are thought to be lower than expected, but premium-rate advertising time for tonight's network broadcast of the show has sold out, apparently because of the family's gathering notoriety.

One senior vice-president of a New York-based advertising agency said: "There's an automatic interest factor, not unlike a soap opera."

PLO looks at BBC for media model

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

ISRAEL and the Palestine Liberation Organisation opened talks here yesterday on setting up a Palestinian television and radio service.

Britain and France are vying for influence on the planned service, which is expected to transmit eventually from the West Bank town of Ramallah, now occupied by Israel and scene of some of the worst incidents of violence between Arabs and Jews.

PLO sources said yesterday that the basic accord being sought was over frequencies. They argued that, as a first step, transmission could begin from a mobile station broadcasting a test service for several hours each day.

No decision has yet been taken as to whether the independent Palestinian television and radio network will be a public service along the lines of the BBC, financed by some form of levy, or a commercial service to be financed by advertising.

Even before any pact has been signed with Israel, dozens of Palestinians are being trained in Egypt, Jordan and Germany in a race against time to acquire the basic technical and broadcasting skills. The new television station will face tough competition from two Israeli channels, Jordanian state television and a number of readily available cable stations, including the American Cable News Network.

The PLO has welcomed an offer made by the BBC via the European Union to construct radio studios on the hills around Ramallah. The French public service television channel, France 2, has signed an agreement with the PLO to help in creating a new television station.

Opponents of Yassir Arafat, the PLO leader, are fearful that the new television and radio station will be partisan, using its influence to promote the policies of his dominant Fatah faction and relying on the type of censorship rampant in most Arab states to exclude opposing voices.

Hero shoots to top of the flops

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE film *Last Action Hero*, which starred Arnold Schwarzenegger and was pilloried by critics and loathed by the public when it was released last summer, has set a new record as the worst flop in Hollywood history.

The film had lost $124,053,994 (£84 million) when Columbia Pictures withdrew it from cinemas last September, according to a report yesterday in *New Yorker* magazine. *Heaven's Gate*, the dud 1980 film from United Artists, lost a mere $44 million. The resounding failure of *Last Action Hero* is a big set-back in the hitherto smooth-running career of Schwarzenegger, but it also reflects a taste in Hollywood and, perhaps, the general public, for more literary, less violent productions. The Academy Awards, with a swathe of Oscar nominations for films such as *Schindler's List*, *The Piano* and *The Remains of the Day*, also indicate that filmmakers may have had enough of gore and gunfire for the time being.



Schwarzenegger: still hot property

Production costs of *Last Action Hero* nearly doubled to $82 million, with another $43 million spent on marketing and promotion. Schwarzenegger was made executive producer and paid $15 million.

The star's last four films — *Twins*, *Total Recall*, *Kindergarten Cop* and *Terminator II* — were all huge hits, the latter earning $204 million in America and about the same amount abroad. But critics quickly smelled blood over *Last Action Hero*. "There are too many guns, too many cars, too many explosions and not enough heart," concluded *Variety*, the Hollywood magazine. President Clinton felt he needed to apologise for enjoying the film.

Sony Corporation, which purchased Columbia Pictures in 1989 for $3.4 billion, will easily survive the disaster. Columbia claims that sales of video cassettes will recoup the loss, a view disputed by industry analysts.

Nor is this likely to be the last heroic role for Schwarzenegger, who remains one of Hollywood's hottest propertiesdespite his unprecendented drubbing. Surviving disasters is what action heroes do best.

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Industrial unrest threatens Chancellor's hope for recovery before general election

Kohl tempts the voters with return to basics

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BERLIN

HELMUT Kohl, the German Chancellor, yesterday launched Germany's nine-month-long election campaign by trying to put fire into his Christian Democratic Union with a mixture of back-to-basics family policies, an unusual dose of Euro-scepticism and a commitment to fight unemployment.

The Chancellor's party critics were muted yesterday — the 1,000 delegates in Hamburg gave him a standing ovation for several minutes — but it was plain that he does not lack enemies. Soon after he spoke, the leaders of IG Metall, the 3.6 million-strong metalworkers' union, met to work out its strategy for what seems set to be the worst strike in a decade. Union members in key west German regions will be balloted early next month.

Klaus Zwickel, the IG Metall leader, said yesterday he expected a 75 per cent majority for a strike. If it happens, it will derail the government's attempts to escape from the recession. Unemployment has just nudged over the four-million mark and the chances of strong recovery signs emerging in time for the October general election have become dim.

Herr Kohl thus made much yesterday of his skill as an economic manager and a foreign policy player — a safer pair of hands, he claimed, than Rudolf Scharping, his Social Democrat rival. But above all his speech urged the party to march in step to win the 18 local, state, national and European elections this year. "We are going all out for victory — second place is not good enough," he said.

Although 2,500 amendments have been tabled to the resolutions worked out by the Christian Democrats, the emphasis was on unity. "Our critics should say openly what they want," the Chancellor boomed. There was little chance of this happening. But behind the scenes there is a good deal of criticism of the back-to-basics programme.



Scharping: challenged over foreign policy

Hannelore Rönsch, the Family Minister, interpreted the programme as meaning that bigger families should be encouraged — the Germans have a flat birth rate. Her idea was that childless couples should be taxed more and the revenue allocated to big families. This sent tremors down the spines of the party managers, who would rather that the word "tax" was not used at all, a mere 20 days before state elections in Lower Saxony. Friedhelm Ost, a CDU economic expert, said: "We need a tax on the childless about as much as we need a tax on the bald or the bearded."

The problems of maintaining unity under the same leader after 12 years in power are all too apparent. The party is divided along three main lines: those who believe that the CDU is becoming a Social Democratic clone and that it should now embrace more Thatcherite policies: those who believe that it should be in the vanguard of a more assertive Germany (and thus beat off the challenge from the far-right Republicans); and those who feel that the Chancellor has neglected the party's centre-left traditions.

Yesterday the Chancellor tried to bridge all three groups. He has allowed the party leadership to change the programme text on Europe. The original formula was that "joint European policy should be shaped in a federal way". After long negotiations, it has been amended to read: "The European Union must be shaped in a free, democratic, federal way, paying attention to subsidiarity."

The point is to bring the CDU closer to its more Eurosceptical Bavarian partner, the Christian Social Union, and to stop any protest voters haemorrhaging to the Republicans and Manfred Brunner's new anti-Maastricht party, the Alliance of Free Citizens. The central task for the Chancellor, however, is to win back workers. An opinion poll published in *Der Spiegel* yesterday showed that the CDU is likely to capture only half as many votes in eastern Germany as it did in 1990. The workers there are moving either towards more left-wing parties committed to fighting for jobs, or to parties with a more fiercely nationalist agenda.

According to the poll the Republicans are likely to win more than 5 per cent, the minimum needed to gain parliamentary seats, in four out of five eastern German states. In 1990, by contrast, the far right won less than 1 per cent of the vote.

Herr Kohl emphasised that he wanted to put family values at the top of his agenda. This is regarded by party stategists as a bridging issue, attracting Roman Catholic voters in the west and older voters in the east, who are worried about the rise of prostitution and the spread of Western-style corruption. On jobs, however, the Chancellor had little to offer beyond a firm promise that recovery was just around the corner.

German politicians are not allowed to interfere directly in the wage round, but Herr Kohl, with a series of unsubtle nudges, made it obvious that he supported the employers in resisting wage increases. The employers want a wage freeze and cuts in the unusually generous holiday payments. The unions have been insisting on a 5 per cent wage rise, but have hinted that they could come down to 2 per cent if companies offered employment guarantees. Employers say this is impossible.



Helmut Kohl is overshadowed by his video image while opening the Christian Democratic Union's annual congress in Hamburg yesterday

NEWS IN BRIEF

Korea to restrict nuclear search

Tokyo: North Korea yesterday insisted it would accept only a limited inspection of its nuclear facilities. A North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said Pyongyang would cancel an agreement made on February 15 allowing the International Atomic Energy Agency to inspect its seven nuclear sites if it continued to come under pressure from the United States.

Shortly after the statement, Morihiro Hosokawa, the Japanese Prime Minister, said he would work with America and others to press for inspections of the sites. Pyongyang and Washington are due to hold talks later this week and it seems unlikely that North Korean visas for international inspectors will be issued until those discussions have been completed. *(AP)*

Meter runs out

Ashgabat: The former Soviet republic of Turkmenistan has cut back on gas supplies to Ukraine because of non-payment. Turkmenistan said Ukraine had not paid anything for its gas this year despite an agreement to pay every ten days. *(Reuter)*

Party launched

Blantyre: Murray Kanyama Chiume, a former exile branded by President Banda as "enemy number one", has launched the Congress of the Second Republic to contest Malawi's first democratic elections since independence in 1964. *(Reuter)*

Request denied

Nicosia: Iraq has asked Iran to return 33 civilian and 115 military planes flown there secretly before and during the Gulf War, the *Tehran Times* said. Iran said only 22 planes landed and refused to return them without United Nations approval. *(Reuter)*

Forced entry

Kota Kinabalu: The chief minister of Malaysia's Sabah state has been sworn in but only after he and his supporters camped out in front of the governor's palace to prevent the ruling party from denying him re-election. *(AP)*

Gun charges

Phnom Penh: Cambodian police have arrested and charged Ros Chhun, the former Transport and Communications Minister, with gun-running and vehicle theft after an arms cache was found at his home. His two sons were also held. *(Reuter)*

Sour note

Peking: China has doubled or tripled the jail sentences of 14 Tibetan nuns because they sang a "counter-revolutionary" song in their cells, officials said. One sentence was increased to 17 years. A tape of the pro-independence song was then circulated in the Himalayan region. *(Reuter)*

Haitians drown

Miami: At least two dozen illegal Haitian migrants en route to Florida in an overcrowded boat were feared drowned after their vessel sank in shark-infested waters off the Bahamas. *(Reuter)*

Secretary spied on Bonn coalition

FROM REUTER IN DUSSELDORF

A WOMAN who worked as secretary to Martin Bangemann, the European Union Commissioner, when he was Economics Minister in Bonn confessed in court yesterday to having been a spy for Communist East Germany.

Johanna Olbrich, 67, said on the first day of her trial that she had spied on Herr Bangemann's Free Democratic Party in Bonn and in the European parliament for 17 years because she wanted to prevent the Cold War from turning into a repeat of the Second World War. "I wanted to do anything to prevent another war," she told a panel of judges.

Federal prosecutors say she was recruited by East Germany's intelligence agency while attending a Communist party school in East Berlin in 1964. Entering West Germany later under the false name of Sonja Lueneburg, she got a job in Bonn in 1969 as a secretary for liberal Free Democrat MPs. Prosecutors say she reported to East Berlin on West German tactics in negotiations to normalise relations with the Soviet Union, Poland and East Germany during the 1970s.

Frau Olbrich became secretary to Herr Bangemann, then a senior politician, in 1974, worked for him in the European parliament in the early 1980s, and followed him back to Bonn when he was made Economics Minister in 1984. She returned to East Germany in 1985 to avoid arrest after losing her forged passport, and was decorated by Markus Wolf, the East German spymaster. Herr Bangemann moved to the European Commission in 1989 and now has the portfolio for industrial affairs.

She was arrested in June 1991, nine months after Germany united, as scores of former Communist spies were uncovered in West German politics, industry and the defence establishment.



Bangemann: secretary had spied for 17 years

French lap up shocking truth about the English

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

Until now, the French have barely flinched at the torrent of criticism that has been aimed their way by British newspapers, Cabinet ministers and television shows. Headlines such as "Up yours, Delors" have been simply put down to the uncouthness of Albion.

In the year of the Channel tunnel, revenge has struck. A new book writes off the English as "a pathetic collection of hooligans, drunkards and old snobs", a decadent race who think they were appointed by God to teach the world the art of "fair play" while ignoring it themselves.

The French view of England's myths and morals are subject to fierce dissection in *Pour en Finir avec l'Anglais* (To have done with English) by Chanteclair, the pen-name of a senior Paris university teacher. In a typically admiring review, *Le Figaro* praised the book yesterday for setting the record straight "on this race which never stops exasperating the rest of the world".

The author says: "Objectivity obliges us to recognise that the English are the dirtiest, most hypocritical, most beastly and noxious members of the human race." Chanteclair assured *The Times* that his comments were not so much serious as intended as a much-needed riposte to such British efforts as the *I Hate the French Handbook*.

"It was the moment to retaliate. It's a collection of French conventional wisdom on the English. It's an old family quarrel that's lasted for centuries and I'm putting the extreme case. Of course, there are some elements of truth," said Chanteclair, who has spent decades teaching English.

Some observations are no more than the man-in-the-café's views of *les Anglais perfides*. The only explanation for the truly execrable quality of English food, he says, is that it was designed to deter invasion by any French army. Pubs are an institution where English men and women go to get drunk and suppress their puritan hang-ups about sex.

Talking of the English class system, he explains that pupils at public schools "practise abundant sport, arrogance and homosexuality before being sent for a stay at Oxford or Cambridge, where they perfect the pretentious and disdainful accent which is necessary for their social success". The working class "receives a primary education which prepares them for unemployment and ... teaches them to know their place".

It is difficult, he says, to answer the question of whether the English are intelligent, because "brilliant conversation or being passionate about an idea are considered signs of the most intolerable bad taste".

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Russians proclaim victory without firing a single shot

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

■ A simple letter and a single envoy have averted an international war and won President Yeltsin a role as world-class leader — or so the Russians say

IT WAS victory day in Moscow yesterday with the sort of rhetoric reserved for recollections of the "Great Patriotic War" on the lips of suddenly loquacious officials. Russia had saved the world from a global conflict and righted the wrongs of Nato and the United Nations — suddenly back in their old place in official statements and media commentaries as risks to world peace.

All this without a shot being fired, or rather precisely because the Bosnian Serb guns had fallen silent after Vitali Churkin, Moscow's envoy, had secured a promise from the Serbs to pull back their guns from Sarajevo. Vyacheslav Kostikov, President Yeltsin's spokesman, went into rhetorical frenzy reminiscent of the self-congratulatory orgies of an earlier era. "The world was almost on the brink of a crisis which threatened to grow into a war drawing in the major powers," he said. "Russia has won an important battle for its world status. It has not only returned to the roots of its historical role in the Balkans but defended the Serbs, whose faith, culture and national spirit are dear to us."

Mr Kostikov emphasised that peace had broken out at the instigation of Moscow "without putting the lives of soldiers at risk or spending a single rouble". He told Russians that Mr Yeltsin had proved himself as an unchallenged leader and that there was no need for presidential elections before 1996, thus managing to add thrift and electoral concerns to the heady mix of Slav brotherhood and international glory.

For all its absurd hyperbole, the presidential spokesman's speech is a telling indicator of how badly Mr Yeltsin wants to recover the global role which an increasingly vociferous chorus of critics accuse him of having mislaid in the rush towards the West, and how substantial has been the shift in the style of foreign policy since Vladimir Zhirinovsky's powerful showing in the December elections. Mr Kostikov forthrightly blamed Nato and the United Nations for causing the mess in the first place.

The goalposts on the Balkan playing field have taken a hefty and sudden shove to one side. "The West's indecision over Bosnia had delivered us a victory," pronounced one senior Foreign Ministry official. "We succeeded with the Serbs where you failed." The fact that Russia had stayed in line with the West over Bosnia and even signed the June 4 UN resolution supporting all necessary measures, through the use of air power, to assist the UN Protection Force has been conveniently forgotten, as has the fact that Moscow's appeal would have counted for little had it not been backed by the threat of Nato air strikes.

From being the country which was lectured and harried by the West over how to behave towards Belgrade, Russia — with the aid of a single polite letter to President Milosevic, an emissary's visit to Sarajevo and 400 peacekeepers — has become the power that heralded peace in a region where Europe and America were out of their depths: such is the official version and few Russians, tired of being the object of other countries' policies and keen to see their country in an active role, want to believe that the truth can be any more complex.

Mr Kostikov's phrase about Russia having "returned" to its roots in the Balkans is particularly interesting, since it suggests that the previously accommodating line towards the West was an uncharacteristic divergence. What is official policy one day is abruptly dismissed as an aberration the next. The wider message of his words is that there are areas which only Russia knows how to handle and that these extend far beyond the borders of the former Soviet Union and into Eastern Europe — a suggestion which would have been roundly condemned as "nationalist-chauvinist" by the Kremlin only a year ago.

Even the liberal *Izvestia* produced phrases redolent of Soviet days, berating "Nato hotheads" for risking a "further spiral of bloodshed" and contrasting Russia's "measured and diplomatic approach" with the "brutal military measures taken against Iraq".

Public response to Serbia is a good barometer of wider feeling about the West and Russia's alliances and animosities. These have undergone a radical change in the past few months and are poised to change still more. Until recently most Russians, excluding those who professed strong nationalist feelings, were largely indifferent to the struggle in the former Yugoslavia, with the Russian media portraying all sides as equally guilty. The threat of Nato air strikes widened support for the Serbs, partly as fellow-Slavs but more widely as fellow-underdogs subjected to Western humiliation.

Last night the insistent statements by British officials that John Major was told of the Russian initiative during his visit were not backed up in Moscow, where insiders in the presidential apparatus insist that the Russian leader scolded Mr Major rather than consulted him. Certainly Mr Yeltsin drove home to his guest that Russia would not tolerate the West trying to resolve the Bosnian conflict — and by implication any future world conflicts — in which Nato played a role, without due regard for Russia.

Moscow meets West to draw up joint Bosnian strategy

BY JAMES BONE, EVE-ANN PRENTICE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

SENIOR officials from the United States, Russia and the European Union meet in Bonn today in the first test of international unity over Bosnia since the Sarajevo ceasefire came into effect.

The gathering could also show whether Washington is prepared to force the Muslim-led Bosnian government to accept peace terms not to its liking. The meeting aims to chart a joint strategy in the Balkans to capitalise on the withdrawal of Serb heavy guns from the Bosnian capital.

The EU and Russia now want to see Sarajevo placed under full United Nations administration, even without an overall peace accord in Bosnia. But the Bosnian government rejects the idea of UN administration of Sarajevo unless there it forms part of a comprehensive peace, and America has so far refused to take sides.

Vitali Churkin, Russia's special envoy, and his American counterpart, Charles Redman, will attend today's talks in Bonn hosted by Jürgen Chrobog, the political director of the German Foreign Ministry. Marrack Goulding, the UN Under Secretary-General for political affairs, and officials from EU countries and Canada will attend.

In Washington, President Clinton last night again ruled out undue US pressure on Bosnia's Muslim government, saying it was "important that we not pretend that we can impose a peace that the parties disagree with, that they do not freely accept".

Haris Silajdzic, the Bosnian Prime Minister, said after attending a meeting in Washington with Warren Christopher, the United States Secretary of State, that the Muslims were "ready to compromise, but we are not ready to capitulate. We shall go half way to make that compromise but we shall also try to keep our country together as much as possible."

UN officials point out that even before a mortar killed 68 people in Sarajevo's main market, triggering Nato's air strikes threat, the Bosnian Serbs had agreed in principle to withdraw their heavy guns if the city were placed under UN control. Russia has made UN administration of the Bosnian capital a key demand in its efforts to defuse a confrontation between Nato and the Serbs, and diplomats say Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN Secretary-General, is willing to undertake the operation provided he has firm commitments of enough new peacekeepers.

Mr Clinton meanwhile gave a warning of a "certain and swift response" if the Serbs tried to resume their shelling of Sarajevo, and also said he was "very concerned" that the Serbs might transfer the heavy weapons they had withdrawn from Sarajevo to other Muslim population centres. He noted that the UN has already authorised Nato air strikes to protect UN forces in those centres.

France said yesterday that placing Sarajevo under UN administration was now its top priority in Bosnia. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said Britain and France were working on a possible joint initiative to extend the peace process in Bosnia. This could include seeking a further UN Security Council resolution to cover steps to lift the siege in other towns, such as Mostar and Vitez. "People are just as dead and just as distressed in those places as in Sarajevo," he said after his talks in Paris.

The major powers meeting in Bonn will also examine other policy options in Bosnia, foremost among them a UN operation to reopen Tuzla airport.

Zagreb: United Nations convoys will resume deliveries of food and medicines to central Bosnia today, the UN said. A spokesman said that up to 400 lorries were waiting to leave, and that convoys would be "in full swing" by tomorrow. *(Reuter)*

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Diarist's memories of peace

BY GAVIN CORDON

A CHILD'S view of life in war-torn Sarajevo, which has already proved a big publishing success in Europe, goes on sale in Britain this week.

The diary of Zlata Filipovic, 14, captures both the horrors of life in the city under a constant Serb barrage and one family's struggle to maintain a semblance of normality. Zlata and her parents, Malik and Alice, escaped to Paris just before Christmas where they are now living.

In London yesterday to publicise the British launch of her book, Zlata said she started her diary aged ten, and set it before the war began, because she wanted to be able to look back on memories of a happy childhood. "Everything before was wonderful. Every day there was something nice — mountains, skiing, the seaside, friends. I didn't need anything better. It was what I deserved and what all children deserve," she said.

That picture was soon shattered and her diary — which she addressed as Dear Mimmy — was recording a different story. Last May she wrote: "Slaughter. Massacre. Blood. That's what the street looks like. I've got a lump in my throat and a knot in my tummy. It's a madhouse."

Since her escape, life has changed dramatically for Zlata. She has travelled around Europe and is due to go to Canada and the United States to promote the book. *(Press Association)*

☐ *Zlata's Diary* is published on Thursday by Viking, price £9.99.



Zlata Filipovic in London yesterday for the British launch of her diary of life in Sarajevo before and during the war. She now lives with her parents in Paris

Serb units service weapons

FROM TOM RHODES IN SARAJEVO

COLDSTREAM Guards who have been deployed around Sarajevo yesterday described how the Bosnian Serbs are maintaining their arms while they remain under United Nations control.

The Coldstreamers based behind the television centre have been overseeing the handing in of weapons at two collection sites to the north and west of the city, which were designated by the Bosnian Serb army in agreement with Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, commander of the UN Protection Force.

Lieutenant Ed Cottrell said that virtually all the heavy artillery had now been withdrawn from the 12-mile exclusion zone. Instead, the Serbs have handed in mainly mortars and light howitzers, which are to be maintained on a regular basis.

"After the agreement between General Rose, the Serbs are permitted to have people who come in to ensure the weapons are properly maintained. They have already started doing so."

The UN said yesterday that the 400 Russian soldiers sent in by Moscow to alleviate Bosnian Serb fears were being deployed in Grbavica, the volatile Serb-held district of the city and scene of some of the worst fighting during the 22 months of siege. Such a deployment will upset the Bosnian government, which specifically asked that the Russians, who have a close alliance with the Serbs, be placed in areas of little sensitivity.

Nato air commander ready to extend strikes

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

ADMIRAL Jeremy Boorda, the Nato commander in charge of 180 aircraft on bombing stand-by, is ready "on very short order" to extend the operation to other areas of Bosnia-Herzegovina if the alliance and the United Nations decide to deliver another air strike ultimatum.

Admiral Boorda gave a warning that allied aircraft could still mount strikes on Serb guns around Sarajevo if shelling resumed, or if the Serbs tried to bring back guns withdrawn after the Nato ultimatum. His tough message was echoed by many Nato Foreign and Defence Ministers who said that the Sarajevo formula should be tried elsewhere.

Bill Aikman, the UN spokesman in Sarajevo, said that the Serbs had handed over 260 weapons and the Bosnian government forces 45. He said the Serbs had pulled most of their guns out of the 12-mile exclusion zone. "We have not been keeping count of those," he said.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, said that half his army's heavy guns had been withdrawn from Sarajevo. Mr Aikman said that out of 41 artillery positions, 23 had been demilitarised. Of these, nine were under the control of French UN military observers. Remaining weapons sites were being verified and isolated weapons collected. The next goal was to open up routes in and out of the city, he said.

Although the Russians ruled out any further air strike ultimatums, Lieutenant General Sir Michael Rose, UN commander in Bosnia, is expected to turn next to six other towns as priority areas for Nato muscle and UN diplomacy.

☐ **Tuzla:** The UN and aid agencies want to open the airfield for flying in humanitarian supplies. A Nato resolution to use air cover was agreed at the alliance summit in Brussels last month. The airfield and the centre of Tuzla are frequently shelled by Serb guns positioned to the north and northeast.

☐ **Srebrenica:** The population of about 40,000 has suffered little shelling in recent weeks but the town is still surrounded on all sides by Serb guns and conditions for the inhabitants are like "a concentration camp", according to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

☐ **Gorazde:** The 60,000 people in this Muslim enclave in eastern Bosnia have faced heavy shelling from besieging Serb guns. The Serbs also block fuel, shelter and clothes, including children's shoes, from reaching the town. Sixty per cent of the buildings have been seriously damaged by shelling.

☐ **Maglaj:** Another Muslim enclave west of Tuzla with 16,000 people living on a starvation diet in a town gradually being destroyed by Croat guns to the southwest and Serb guns to the north and northeast.

☐ **Bihac:** Up to 250,000 people face daily shelling by the Serbs whose guns are positioned to the south.

☐ **Mostar:** This is perhaps the most serious challenge for Nato and the UN after Sarajevo. In the eastern section, 50,000 Muslims have been shelled by Croat guns with about 100 explosions a day, although it has been relatively calm in the past few days. Retired Brigadier Jerrie Hulme, the senior UNHCR official in the area, has sent out an appeal for the world "not to forget that up to 50,000 are living like rats in a cellar".

Athens faces isolation over Macedonia trade embargo

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

GREECE found itself facing complete isolation and fierce criticism from all 11 other European Union governments last night as its ministers were told that its trade embargo against the fledgeling state of Macedonia was illegal under the EU treaty.

The EU's Foreign Affairs Commissioner, Hans van den Broek, will travel to the Macedonian capital, Skopje, tomorrow and then to Athens in an attempt to to cool the increasingly heated dispute between the neighbouring Balkan states. Greece claims that Macedonia's name, flag and constitution amount to a territorial claim over Greece's own province of Macedonia and last week closed the port of Salonika to all supplies for Macedonia except humanitarian aid and medicine.

Yesterday Greece took what one EU diplomat called "a bit of a pasting" from all its 11 partners. Jacques Delors, president of the European Commission, told the Greek minister chairing yesterday's meeting that the embargo decision was in breach of the trade policy clauses of the Treaty of Rome and case law developed by the European Court. The treaty requires an EU state to consult its partners before making any move affecting trade inside the Union's single market. Theodore Pangalos, the Greek European Affairs Minister, acknowledged yesterday that Athens had not consulted any other capital in advance, but denied that the blockade had been discussed in advance with the Serbian government, which is hostile to the new Macedonian state. He said Greece had received no support for its action.

Piet Dankert, the Dutch European Affairs Minister, said that the attack on Greece had been mounted in "a very sombre atmosphere indeed". British officials described the atmosphere of the meeting as "firm".

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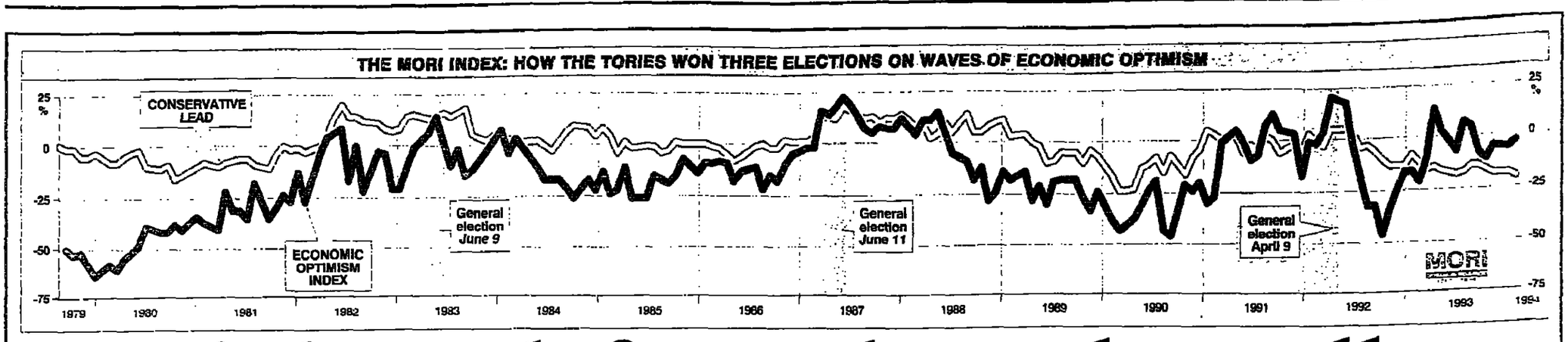
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Right or left, we love the polls

Polls have changed our lives, our beliefs and our behaviour. David Butler on the day-to-day impact of polling firms



MORI was right about the outcome of the 1987 election: Mrs Thatcher celebrates her victory

MORI is throwing a party to celebrate its 25th birthday at the Reform Club this week. One polling firm's anniversary would hardly merit note. But the coming of age of this raucous, triumphant, American-led but very British firm does represent a landmark in an industry that has transformed British politics over the past two generations.

The great and the good will assemble to congratulate Robert Worcester and his colleagues for instructing them and upsetting them over the years. Politicians, journalists and industrialists admire and bemoan equally the way that polling has disturbed their lives, changing assumptions about how others behave and then actually changing behaviour.

It was in 1938 that the Gallup Poll started work in Britain and for a long time it had the field to itself. It got the 1945 election right, defying all conventional forecasts; it established the reputation of serious polling through its findings which, for more than 50 years, have been carried in the *News Chronicle* and then *The Daily Telegraph*. But since 1959, rivals have appeared. NOP started in the *Daily Mail*, and ORC (now Harris) appeared in the *Evening Standard* and elsewhere, while Marplan (later CM) in due course became a regular in *The Guardian*. And in 1969 MORI entered the field under its ebullient American founder, Robert Worcester. *The Times* and *The Sunday Times* have carried MORI reports for more than a decade. Thanks to Mr Worcester's very individual style, MORI has acquired the highest profile of all the pollsters.

Pollsters can be just number-crunchers, selecting samples, organising interviews and setting out the answers in simple tables. But pollsters can also be sophisticated political players, morally interpreting their cunningly designed questionnaires in ways that shape policy. Pollsters may claim to be scientists; honest gatherers of data. But inevitably their clients turn to them for advice on how to translate their findings into action — and in the hothouse world of Westminster, the advice is necessarily controversial. Harsh words are said about the pollsters' findings and about the pollsters themselves. However, although the pollsters have often had influence, no solid example has yet emerged of their abusing their power.

"Ninety-nine per cent of our publicity comes from political polling. But it provides only 3 per cent of our business." This pollster's lament explains why the professionals stick together when it comes to predicting elections. If any one of them makes a bloomer it reflects on all of them, endangering their bread and butter as market researchers.

The five established polling firms may compete with each other for business, but they unite in APOPO (the Association of Professional Polling Organisations) and they accept a strict code of conduct in presenting their findings. Presently, they are co-operating eagerly with the Market Research Society in an exhaustive analysis of what went so disastrously wrong in their forecasts of the 1992 election when they were, on average, a record 8.5 per cent out in their estimates of the outcome.

In fact, pollsters collectively have misled the public about the result in four of the past seven general elections. They pointed to the wrong winner in June 1970, February 1974 and April 1992 and they suggested a landslide instead of a close run thing in October 1974. However, they did well in the 1980s (MORI was dead right in 1983 and 1987) which made the disaster of 1992 more surprising and more serious.

But polls bounce back from disasters because there is no alternative. Journalists and politicians know that the wisdom of taxi-drivers and publicans is no substitute for a systematic set of objective interviews.

Do the polls have an influence? In seven of the past eight general elections, the party that was ahead in the final surveys did worse than predicted. Perhaps the polls induce significant enough numbers of us to modify our vote to temper the arrogance of the likely winner.

Certainly polls can transform by-elections. The outcome in Eastleigh will almost certainly be decided by the indications which the early polls give of whether Labour or the Liberal Democrats are better placed to defeat the Conservatives.

Although the "How will you vote?" answers dominate the public's awareness of the polls, the most useful political work is unseen. Twenty per cent of MORI's operations are for government departments and local authorities, exploring the needs and perceptions of citizens.

Probably the pollsters' most lucrative work lies in elite surveys, finding out for businessmen what politicians and administrators think of them — of their performance and the way they see the future. It is amazing how far the eminent are willing to go in helping this sort of research.

Pollsters live on the fringe of the academic world; they are using the same tools of research, but dons suspect them of being too hasty and commercial — and they in turn can resent the impractical, ivory tower approach.

But the pollsters' most significant activity can lie in their private work for the parties. Harris has provided the main research for the Conservatives for more than 25 years and from 1970 to 1989 MORI worked for the Labour Party, briefing it on what the public thought about it.

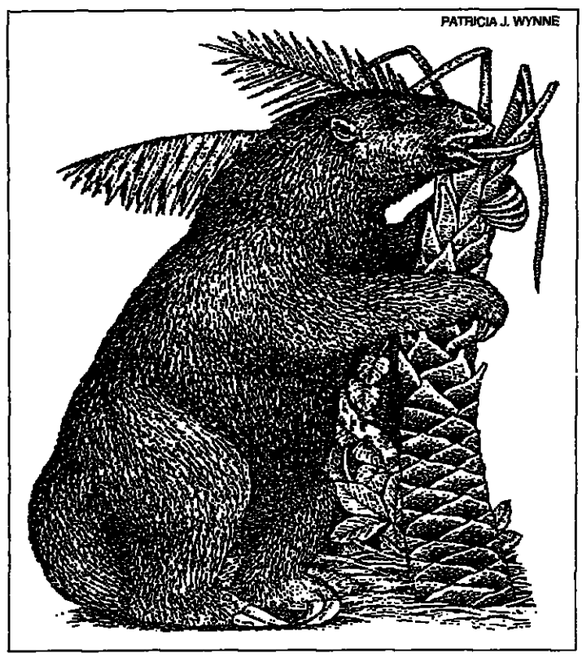
Pollsters can find politicians ungrateful clients. "You are taking the poetry out of politics," cried Nye Bevan when, in the late 1950s, the Labour Party first commissioned a survey. In recent years the role of private polling has been downgraded, both in Walworth Road and Smith Square.

But market researchers, especially through the use of small focus groups, have a lot to teach the politicians about how they are perceived and about the impact of the phrases they use. A realistic map of the mind of the electorate often differs widely from the intuitions of MPs. There is plenty of scope for MORI and its competitors to make money for another generation by telling politicians and businessmen what we think and what we are likely to do.

● *The author is the father of British psephology and the author of* British Political facts

Is an 'extinct', hairy, poison-squirting beast alive and well and living in the Amazon?

On the trail of a shaggy sloth story



Drawing of a mylodontid, a rumoured human-sized ground sloth

A team of American biologists and Indian guides will shortly set forth into the rainforests of western Brazil in search of the legendary ground sloth, a beast that has long obsessed scientists, travellers, novelists and fantasists, but which most zoologists believe to be extinct.

The mylodontid, approximately the size of a small gorilla, once roamed South America in large numbers. Indian reports of a "mapinguari", a large creature armed with a chemical defence to paralyse its enemies, have long circulated in the area but are usually dismissed as myths.

In his book *In Patagonia*, Bruce Chatwin describes visiting a cave in which the remains of such a beast had been discovered but, like the yeti, no scientifically reliable sighting has been made this century.

However, Dr David Oren, an American ornithologist working for the Brazilian government, has conducted scores of interviews over the last decade with rubber-tappers and hunters in the Amazon rainforests, and now believes there is enough evidence to warrant a full-scale expedition.

"We'll be bringing tranquillising dart guns," Dr Oren told *The New York Times*. "The Indians are very frightened of the mapinguari, but some of them are anxious to capture one to prove to outsiders that it exists."

The mapinguari is sighted only in the deepest forest, but witnesses generally agree on its appearance and demeanour. Dr Oren is hoping to come across "a creature with shaggy red hair, backward-turned feet and a monkey-like face".

"These animals had dermal ossicles — bony armour plating embedded in the skin," Dr Oren told *The New York Times*. So even if he locates the evasive sloth his tranquilliser darts might have no effect.

The team will be heading for the point where the borders of Brazil, Peru and Bolivia meet in the state of Acre. Setting out in the first week in March, the scientists and ten Indian guides will travel by boat and on foot and expect to spend several weeks in the area where the latest sightings have been reported.

"If we find it, we will have proof that there are vast biological riches here that still await discovery," said Dr Oren, a scientist at Goeldi Natural History Museum in Belem, northern Brazil.

The prospect of discovering previously unknown or extinct animals is less fanciful than it might seem. The discovery of Wagner's peccary, a species of pig thought to have been extinct since the Pleistocene era, in the Chaco wilderness in Paraguay, astonished zoological experts. Scientists have also identified a previously unknown hoofed mammal in Vietnam.

But US scientists say that Dr Oren will have to come up with convincing proof of the existence of the ground sloth — a piece of the beast, or at the very least a photograph — before announcing a new addition, or rather a belated return, to the animal kingdom.

As one of the few remaining regions of the world containing swaths of largely uncharted territory, South America has proved fertile ground for sightings of rare creatures, both genuine and mythical.

In Paraguay rumours persist of the existence of the ow-ow, a large, homicidal sheep with talons and fangs, given to dropping unexpectedly from trees and devouring unwary hunters with a single ovine roar.

Then there is the river-dwelling beast with the body of a snake and the head of a jaguar recorded by the earliest Spanish explorers to the area who noted, somewhat lasciviously, that the animal (like them) had an insatiable taste for young maidens.

Nothing so wicked is attributed to the putative ground sloth, although Indians report that the elusive creature has sharp claws, powerful jaws and a booming, almost human voice. He is also said to have a wicked temper, despite being a committed vegetarian.

The original mylodontid stood about six feet tall, weighed some 35 stone and was closely related to the extinct giant sloth, known only from fossils. Dr Oren claims that if the creature is found he will be "the largest land mammal in South America, and yet is still unknown to science".

Only two types of sloth are known to have survived: the common three-toed sloth and the rarer two-toed variety. Both are tree-dwellers, and both have a laid-back attitude to life, moving rarely and with extraordinary slowness.

The larger ground sloth, by contrast, appears to have been the neurotic of the family, hurtling around the forest in search of palm hearts, bellowing and squirting poison at its foes — which perhaps explains why it is now mythically rare or non-existent.

Big mylodontid simply took life too fast. Whether he exists or not, he is a lesson to us all.

BEN MACINTYRE

Anything but English

Are we really as dreadful as every foreigner seems to think?



MARGOT NORMAN

THE only reason I was waving my arms about and exclaiming "*Pronto!*" and "*Santo cielo!*", to the puzzlement of my small monoglot daughter, was that I had no wish for us to see Naples and die. It was now dark, I had taken a wrong turning and we were nowhere near the bright and teeming Via Roma but lost in the maze of old Napoli, deep in an unlit, nameless and apparently endless medieval alley just wide enough for one Vespa and a stray dog. "Whatever you do," the Jeremiahs had chanted in unison, "never walk at night, avoid the back streets even in daylight, wear no jewellery and try not to look like a foreigner."

As it was the coldest day recorded this century the Neapolitans were all out in their fur coats, so it didn't look foreign to be wearing gloves over my rings. (Actually the most foreign thing about me was the lack of big gold jewellery, Jeremiahs please note.) An unread copy of *La Repubblica* in one hand, a child's hand in the other, and a muttered prayer to the local patron saint under the breath: having blown the major injunctions, I might at least try obeying the minor ones and hope the need would not arise to open my Anglo-Saxon mouth.

It did, of course, once we had lost ourselves entirely and were wondering whether it was better to be knifed for 10,000 lire or to die like the Graham Greene character who had a pig fall on him from a balcony hereabouts. The cat was out of the bag with the first "*Dov'e . . .?*", at which point I learnt that in Naples it's an insult to call anyone English.

They won't hear of it even if you insist that, for better or worse, English is what you are. No, no, I kept hearing, if you smile, if you like children, if you are in the smallest particular *simpatico*, then you simply cannot be English, not proper, unadulterated English-English. The English are all austere, arrogant, disapproving, paranoid and decidedly unsporting about being ripped off. They are also, as a taxi driver stopped to tell me by the statue of King Umberto on Via Nazario Sauro as the traffic wove crazily round us, a nation of infantile monarchists.

So, no, signora, you and *la bimba* can be Welsh, Scottish or Irish, or we'll put up with your being American, but English you cannot be. Wishing I had enough of the language to explain how agreeable it was to discover that in Italy only a boy can be a bimbo, I thanked the charming people who saw us home and fell to wondering where in the world you can now be English with impunity.

Apart from a few African countries where, after a few drinks, local worthies will sigh and say that, all in all, "it's a pity you fellows ever left", India was the only country that came to mind. Indeed nowhere else in the world, and certainly not here, could you stage a comprehensive course in British and even specifically English patriotism. Indians know so many things we have forgotten about English history, literature, jurisprudence, administrative skills, even English spelling, cricket and the tea ceremony, and they seem politely to have forgotten what we remember about all the things we did badly.

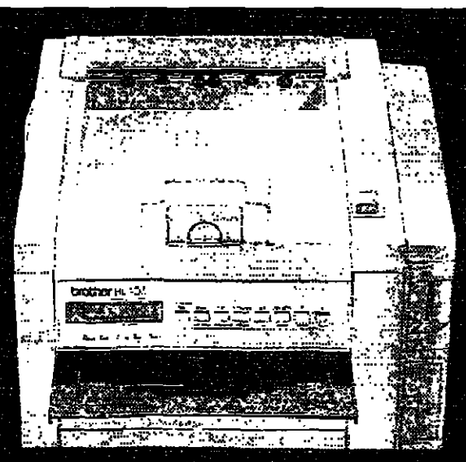
It's so much easier to be Scottish, Welsh or Scandinavian, a small-country type who can be no threat to anyone, but no true Englishman pretends to be a Celt. (The Vicomte de Lauzanac even wrote to the *Telegraph* yesterday to say the locally domiciled English watching the Wales v. France international were cheering for France.) So what sort of English should he be: a would-be gent who is immediately suspected of arrogance and of being a cheapskate version of the 18th-century milord, or the sort the Spanish see in such droves, what Chesterton called "the rolling English drunkard" who made the rolling English road? One suspects the Neapolitans might even prefer that sort.

The Foreign Office can't help much with this image business. While German diplomats are closeted in universities on lengthy postgraduate courses on how to represent Germany around the world, their young British counterparts get a one-day course called "Going Abroad" and are then released by their pragmatic masters to learn as they go, with occasional guidance from their superiors. The system used to be even more eccentric, if the recollections of the late Nicholas Ridley are anything to go by.

As an FCO minister he would give young diplomats a pep talk beginning: "I've got one recipe for foreign affairs which I want you all to hoist in." A hush expectant of pearls of wisdom would fall, before he went on: "My policy is, kick the Russians and keep kicking them until it hurts."

No help there in how to be acceptably English. But then, it never was easy. As Defoe said of "your Roman-Saxon-Danish-Norman English": "From this amphibious ill-born mob began/ That vain, ill-natured thing, an Englishman." Maybe I should check out my grandmother's Scottish ancestry before I venture abroad again.

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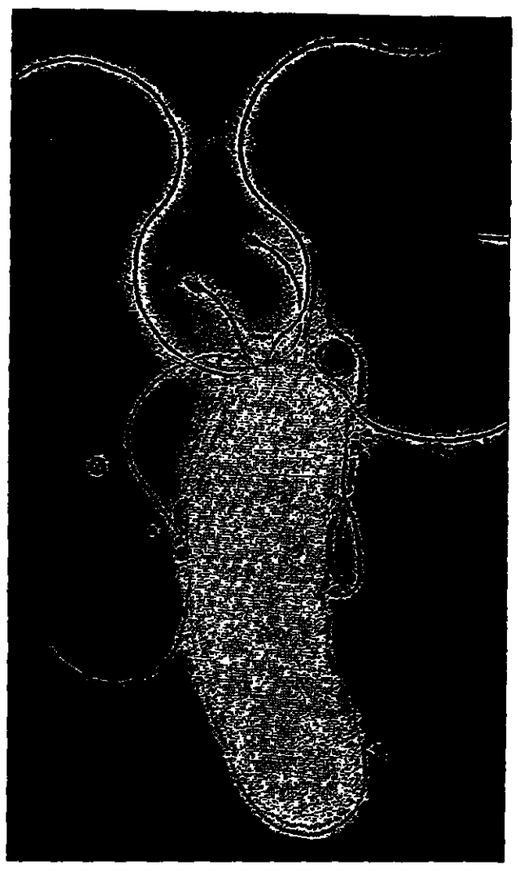
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Evidence is accumulating that antibiotics can cure ulcers once and for all. **Nigel Hawkes** reports

Is this the end of ulcers?





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A Glaxo employee working on the manufacture of the company's star ulcer drug, Zantac: but if Heliobacter pylori (left) is the culprit, an antibiotic cocktail could be the cure

Drug company analysts will be scrutinising with more than usual care today's full-time results from SmithKline Beecham. Last week Glaxo, the major player in the lucrative business of ulcer drugs, produced sparkling half-year figures. Zantac, Glaxo's star and the world's best-selling drug, is still doing the business. Today's results may indicate whether Tagamet, SKB's product in the same market, is doing as well.

Earlier this month, a meeting at the US National Institutes of Health near Washington cast a small but menacing shadow over Zantac, Tagamet and Losec, the Swedish company Astra's rival product. Between them, these three account for a staggering $6.1 billion in sales a year. Zantac leads the race, with $3.5 billion, 43 per cent of Glaxo's total turnover. Losec brings in $1.6 billion, and Tagamet $1 billion. The secret lies in the magic word *maintenance*. Only a cynic, perhaps, would say that drug companies do not want to cure diseases: but they make a lot more money by simply treating them.

Zantac, Losec and Tagamet are excellent drugs which have made life much pleasanter for millions of people, but they cannot stop ulcers recurring. At least a quarter of sales, analysts say, are repeat prescriptions to patients who have to keep taking the drugs to stop the ulcer coming back.

The NIH meeting was called to discuss an alternative therapy which has the potential to knock out the cause of ulcers in many patients. For several years evidence has been accumulating that the cause of ulcers is very often a common bacterium, *Heliobacter pylori*, which can be eradicated by a cocktail of antibiotics. The NIH panel concluded that this evidence is now conclusive, and patients with peptic ulcers who test positive for *H. pylori* should be treated with two weeks of the antibiotic therapy.

"We now have an opportunity to cure a disease that previously we were able only to suppress and control," said one panel member, Dr Ann Williams of George Washington University medical centre. The panel concluded that 90 to 95 per cent of patients with ulcers of the duodenum are infected with the bacterium, and 80 per cent of those with stomach ulcers. Many, perhaps most, of us harbour the bacterium, but it causes ulcers in only a minority, and there is no case for eliminating it from the rest.

The recommendation is that two weeks on a combination of bismuth and one or two antibiotics, such as tetracycline, metronidazole or amoxycillin, should be the therapy of choice. This is "a sea change in how we approach the problem", said panel member Dr Daniel Podolsky, of Massachusetts General Hospital. "From this time forward, I would consider the use of these drugs to be essential."

> The big three drugs notch up £6.1 billion a year

The finding comes as no news to patients of Dr Kenneth McColl, a consultant at the Western Infirmary in Glasgow, who has been championing the antibiotic approach for several years. Dr McColl told last year's annual meeting of the British Society of Gastroenterology that the antibiotics — which he prescribes for three, not two, weeks — eliminated the infection without recurrence in 95 per cent of cases. One of his patients, Neil Hosack, resigned to a lifetime of pain from ulcers, admits to being "flabbergasted" by the effect of the treatment. "A month later, it was as if I had never had ulcers in my life," he said.

If antibiotics can in so many cases remove the cause of ulcers, why has the therapy not swept Zantac and its fellows from the pharmacists' shelves? "Prescribing inertia" is the reason given by Dr McColl.

Now that the NIH has put its imprimatur on the treatment, more doctors may be ready to try it. The financial benefit for the National Health Service could be striking. A three-week course of the triple therapy costs about £28, while long-term prescribing of the ulcer drugs costs £15 a month. About £300 million is spent in Britain every year on ulcer drugs.

There may be more to it, however, than simple inertia. Not all gastroenterologists are yet convinced by the evidence, and the waters have been muddied by trials in which Zantac has been combined with antibiotics in a belt-and-braces therapy. In a study published last year in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, for example, half of a group of 104 patients were given a placebo while the other half were given Zantac plus antibiotics. Over a year, 85 per cent of those on the placebo suffered a recurrence of their ulcers, against only 2 per cent of those on the combination therapy. Nice answer, wrong question. What we want to know is how well antibiotics alone would have done.

A more recent study in the same journal looked at long-term use of Zantac and concluded, in words that are music to Glaxo's ears, that "long-term maintenance therapy with ranitidine (Zantac) is safe and reduces the risk of recurrent bleeding".

In last week's *British Medical Journal* there was more good news. Lengthy use of the ulcer drugs has been linked to enlargement of the breasts in a small proportion of men, but a team from Boston reported that on the basis of the experience of 81,000 men, only Tagamet had this effect. Bad luck, SmithKline Beecham.

Neither Glaxo nor its rivals is going to concede the market to the much cheaper antibiotic therapy without a fight. But as health budgets are squeezed, doctors are likely to come under pressure to give the therapy a try, at least in patients who test positive for the bacterium. Obituaries for Zantac would be premature, but Glaxo will need all its ingenuity to keep its star performer on an upward curve.

Chemists may be allowed to sell a 72-hour-after pill over the counter

A cure for careless passion

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

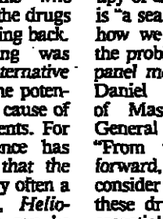
As Mr Micawber said in *David Copperfield*: "Accidents will occur in the best-regulated families".

The particular accidents that he was concerned about were those of unwanted pregnancies. Dickens was only able to write about the misery it could cause, whereas the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists is in a position to take more effective steps. The college has appointed a committee to study means of reducing the number of pregnant girls aged under 16, at present about 8,000 a year. Ministers want this number halved.

One of the gynaecologists' recommendations may be to make Scherring PC4, the emergency post-coital pill, more readily available by selling it in pharmacies. This would save women time, and perhaps embarrassment, as they would not need a doctor's prescription.

The knowledge that a pill such as Scherring PC4 exists is already widespread: 10 per cent of all British women of child-bearing age (16-45) have at some time or another used this form of emergency contraception.

As would be expected the greatest number of women who have had recourse to it are in their early 20s. It is less commonly prescribed for the under-19s or the over-30s.



The pill's popularity is increasing and it is now available from doctors, family planning clinics or the genito-urinary medical departments (special clinics) of hospitals. The number of packets of emergency contraceptive pills dispensed has almost doubled in the past four years.

Whatever way Scherring PC4 is provided, nobody can doubt that it is a powerful weapon against unwanted pregnancies. Scherring PC4, known popularly as the morning-after pill is, in fact, far more and this description is highly misleading. The pills do not have to be taken when tired, hung over and possibly forgetful with next morning's breakfast coffee. They remain highly effective if taken for up to 72 hours after sexual intercourse.

The drill is straightforward: two pills are swallowed as soon as possible, another two taken exactly 12 hours later: the length of the gap is important.

Scherring PC4 is the only oral contraceptive pill licensed for emergency use. It belongs to the group of pills containing both oestrogen and progestogen.

The oestrogen is present in a considerably higher dose than is the case in other contraceptive pills. Together, these two steroids prevent the implantation of the fertilised ovum.

The most common side effect of the emergency contraceptive pill is nausea. This is almost invariably present and in some people it may be so severe as to cause vomiting, in which case it may be necessary to take a further pill.

The emergency pill could cause, like any other combined pill, an increase of thrombotic and embolic complications. As it makes the blood more likely to clot, in theory women could suffer pulmonary emboli, strokes, or even heart attacks.

Theoretically, too, the risk is greater with emergency contraception as the oestrogen dose is high. When complications have happened they occur in relation to the strength of the pill and not to the length of time which the woman has been taking it. Fortunately, cardiovascular complications of taking any pill are exceptionally rare.

There is evidence that very high doses of female sex hormones taken by a woman who is already pregnant can cause foetal abnormalities. This complication has never been shown to have been caused by emergency contraception.

Even so, these pills are not recommended if the patient has had sexual intercourse previously in the same menstrual cycle, and nor should they be taken if there is any doubt as to whether the woman could already be pregnant, particularly as the diagnosis could be confused by irregular bleeding.

Even the best-regulated lives, as Dickens so clearly understood, can be carried away by lust or love. Scherring PC4 was not available to Dickens's generation 150 years ago but although available as an emergency treatment now it would certainly not be safe if used continuously or repeatedly. Patients who have used it once should realise their frailty and seek medical advice about long-term contraception.

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Rover was really sold to the City

Short-termism had an ominous victory, says **Anatole Kaletsky**

Sir Teddy Taylor, the maverick Conservative MP for Southend East, as usual put the case for the Opposition better than any Labour Party spokesman. The Government should apologise to Honda for the destruction of its long-term relationship with Britain's last surviving car manufacturer. The Japanese company had been "taken to the cleaners" by British Aerospace, BMW and Rover. "It seems to me scandalous to sell off Rover to this ailing German giant for a small fortune without even consulting Honda."

Sir Teddy's comments may have been motivated as much by anti-German prejudice as by a close study of international corporate ethics or industrial policy. His ultra-Thatcherite philosophy has not, in the past, admitted to much concern about the damage done to British industry by the "logic" of the City's financial markets. He has not previously supported the notion that ministers should take responsibility for the actions of private companies — still less apologise for them to foreigners. But the Rover case is different. It cannot be shrugged off with John Major's now-traditional alibi that "this is a private business matter and no concern of the Government's". Rover's disappearance as a British company is too emotive. The slight to Honda is too important in its economic and even perhaps geopolitical implications. And as Sir Teddy noted, the sheer stupidity and immorality of this betrayal is too scandalous to be ignored.

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Like Michael Heseltine's sacking of tens of thousands of staunchly Thatcherite Nottingham miners in 1992, the Rover fiasco looks like becoming another milestone in the long march of British public opinion back from the free-market dogmas of the 1980s. Messrs Major and Heseltine, along with the rest of the Cabinet, are still marching doggedly in the opposite direction — towards the mirage of an industrial policy of pure *laissez-faire*. "Management's right to manage" may have been a popular slogan in the 1980s: but today Mr Major's "jobsworth" shirking of responsibility for industry only emphasises that his Government is out of touch with the mood of the nation — that inertia is now the only intellectual driving force.

The sale of Rover looks like a milestone in British industrial policy for at least three reasons. First and foremost Rover was the first important Japanese investment in our motor industry. It was the precursor and the symbol of the steadily expanding Anglo-Japanese industrial alliance that helped to transform the economy in the 1980s and, for some commentators, held out the hope of gradually reviving Britain as an industrial power. The switch to BMW is bound to be seen in Japan as symptomatic of a lingering preference in Britain for non-Japanese partners — not necessarily out of Western *chauvinism, but simply* because the Japanese emphasis on long-term planning and business relationships is less congenial to British companies than the more financially oriented American and European approach.

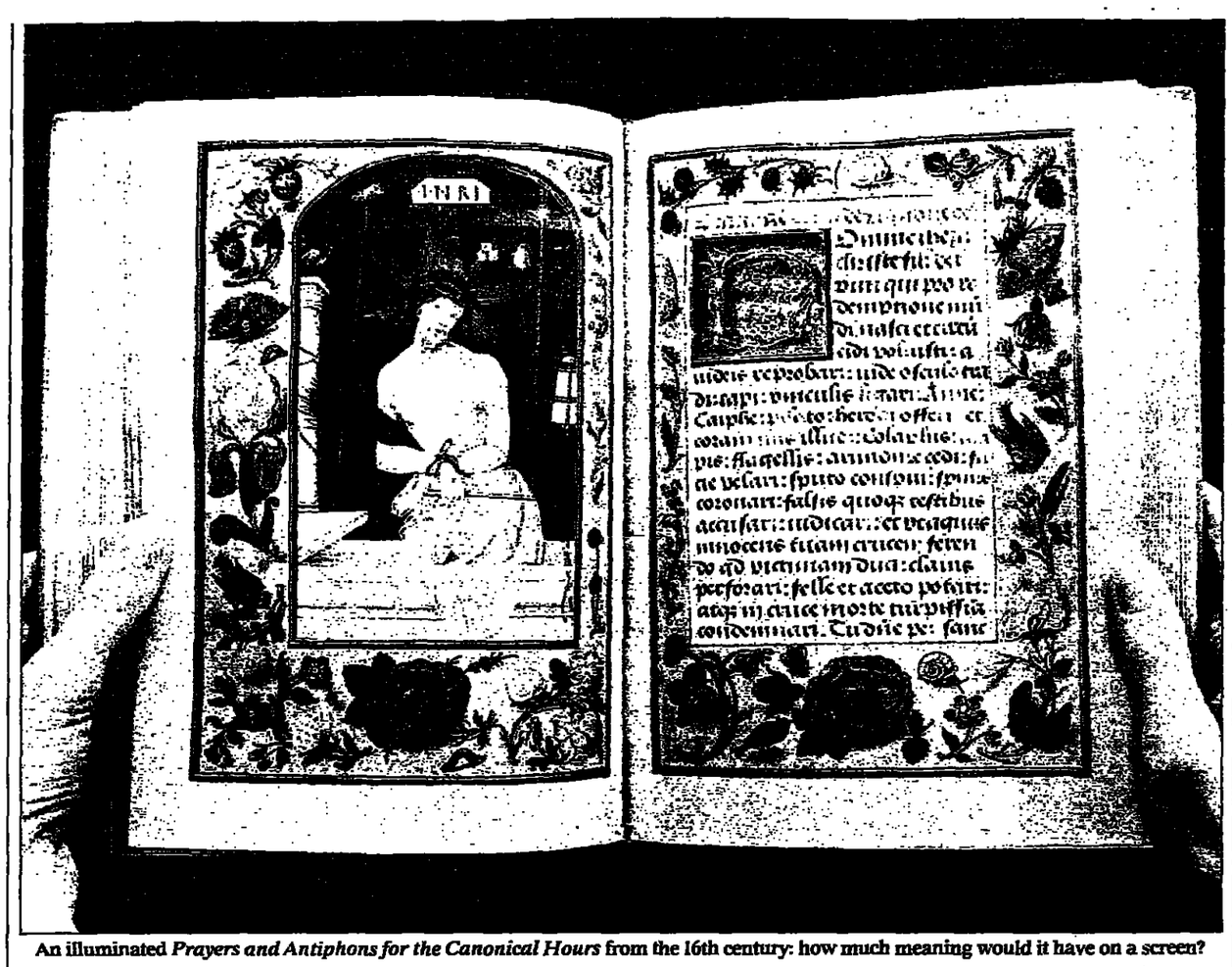
For Britain this would be a very damaging conjecture. Not only do our hopes of industrial revival rest largely on becoming Japan's bridgehead into Europe. Politically, too, Britain and Japan are natural allies, as two island countries semi-detached by their very geography, both trying to maintain "special relationships" with America and trying to prevent the global economy splitting into geographically defined blocs.

Second, the special significance of Honda-Rover is far more than symbolic. Unlike Nissan and Toyota, which chose to build greenfield sites and in Britain to produce Japanese-designed cars, Honda opted for a joint venture in which Rover maintained its independence and developed its own management and engineering skills. Rover was the last remaining carmaker headquartered in Britain. While the country's output and exports of cars may continue to rise — Britain is now producing more cars than Italy and more than in the mid-1970s — the industry will be concentrated on relatively low-skilled assembly work, not higher-value activities such as design, engineering and management.

Third, Honda-Rover empitomises the triumph of short-term financial considerations. The role of finance was crucial in shutting out Honda because Rover was not sold for "a small fortune" as Sir Teddy Taylor suggested. In fact the £800 million paid by BMW was arguably a firesale price — less than the value of the Land Rover business alone. The real reason why BAe found Honda's offer of long-term partnership unacceptable was connected with the money required to keep Rover going. A car business has to lend money to dealers and pay for supplies before cars are assembled and sold. This kind of "working capital" is usually readily available from banks to a big company like BAe. But the culture of City investment analysts is different: they take a dim view of companies whose borrowings grow, for whatever reason, much faster than shareholders' funds.

Ironically, the better Rover did in sales and market share, the more of an encumbrance it became on BAe's balance-sheet and the more City criticism it provoked. With the civil aviation side of BAe's business also requiring ever more money, BAe decided to make a clean break with cars.

It could, of course, have spun Rover off as an independent company with its own stock-market listing — an option promoted by Honda. But the stock market would have needed to see a strong financial track record for at least another two years. For BAe's impatient board, that was simply too long. Short-termism has won again — and British industry has lost.



An illuminated *Prayers and Antiphons for the Canonical Hours* from the 16th century: how much meaning would it have on a screen?

The Apple of our eye

Computers are making a takeover bid for the printed page, but will never replace man's most magical artefact

Bernard Levin

The other day, talking with friends, the conversation turned to books; not their contents but their physical form. We were discussing the idea — it crops up everywhere now — of a book becoming, sooner or later, not a thing made of paper to be held in the hand and thus read from a printed page, but an electronic device which will be "read" from a screen that has displaced the old form (and, I suppose, a screen that steadily unrolls before our eyes, with nothing comparable to a page).

I led the party that stood firm for the printed, turnable page, but even as I did so, I felt that that must be one more sign of age. If so, and the screen will take over, so that many tall trees will live their entire stately lives unfelled, why will it matter, or at least why do I think it matters? After all, the words will be the same, our eyes will be the same, there will surely be a button that is the equivalent of the reader in the armchair flinging the book across the room with a cry of "Rubbish — I won't read another word of it!" Well, what was Milton's opinion? It goes like this:

> Books are not absolutely dead things, but do contain a potency of life in them to be as active that soul was whose progeny they are; nay, they do preserve as in a vial the purest efficacy and extraction of that living intellect that bred them . . . As good almost kill a man as kill a good book; who kills a man kills a reasonable creature, God's image; but he who destroys a good book, kills reason itself, kills the image of God, as it were in the eye . . . A good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit, embalmed and treasured up on purpose to a life beyond life.

You can argue that if you gave Milton a screen and a sufficiency of buttons, he would be satisfied, the *word* being all, and the way to the word being of no consequence. Well, I dare you to ask him; I am sure there will be a flash of lightning and a tremendous roll of thunder. (He went blind, incidentally.)

There is evidence against me: what we call a book was once only a sheet of papyrus and before that nothing but scratches on a stone: why should I accept the technology of the past and refuse the technology of the future? What was good enough for Thucydides and Herodotus is surely good enough for me, particularly because it is very much better than what those august forerunners had? Dammit, if Shakespeare could find tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones, and good in everything, who am I to cavil? Particularly because he made the point far more powerfully and far more poignantly as he took his farewell from his genius, when he said:

> . . . I'll break my staff,
> Bury it certain fathoms in the earth,
> And, deeper than did ever plummet sound,
> I'll drown my book.

But here St John demands a word — no, not *demands*, for St John would never demand anything, but he may at least draw modest attention to those eternally mysterious words with which he begins his Gospel — "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God". That sentence itself must at least have made him think of the effect of words, if only because the very existence of him and his book were based on the effect of words; even I know what Gospel means.

But I have a very odd bit of evidence that books are more than they seem. Three bits of evidence, actually, each recorded in a recent newspaper. The first is only 10 lines long, and it goes, in its entirety, like this:

> A Canadian barrister on a trip home to Liverpool dropped into the central library to return a book more than 25 years overdue. Ms Ley Aspassin was reading *Canada: A Story of Challenge*, by Dr J.M.S. Careless, in 1967 and decided to emigrate. She paid a £4 fine.

Such bare facts make one eager to clothe them. Did she, having decided to emigrate, then leap aboard the next ship that was going to Canada, leaving her home, her family, her friends and taking a mere handbagful of her possessions? If not, why did she not return the book before she sailed? With all respect for Canada, I cannot believe that Dr Careless's book was so riveting that she could not bear to part with it until she had finished it. Perhaps she had, but what with the packing and making farewells she found that there was no time to slip into the library.

Leave the lady, and turn to the gentleman. He does not give his name, but he does not need to, at any rate for my point to be made. He confesses that, more than 20 years ago, when he was a student, he *stole* a book from the university bookshop; this was Imperial College, London. A few weeks ago, a letter arrived at the college from the United States; it was anonymous, but it included a banker's draft for $500, and a letter which read:

> It was a terrible act and I have to answer for my actions. I am sending $500 to cover the cost of the book and a few pens I have also stolen. The money cannot make up for my wrongdoing nor will it make me less guilty.

The lady had, apparently, no qualms. The gentlemen was all qualms. Imagine his misery, as the years go by and still the crime haunts him. Then the long-delayed repayment, far more than the book would have cost, and yet he says that he will not feel that he has atoned, even now.

Now the third of these reclamations comes from the London Library, that most admirable of all houses of books. The retiring Librarian, Douglas Matthews, was just in time before leaving to take repossession of two books, presumably taken out together, which had been overdue. Overdue, however, is a mild word in the context, because whoever took them out was asked politely to return them: the request was dated December 1938, which is perhaps a record.

I do not believe that if we were discussing what happened to missing knives and forks, rugs, hats, photograph-frames, china figurines or indeed anything other than books, there would be the same interest, the same inquisitiveness, the same longing to know how the story ended. Books, and only books, can make that magic.

Why? Go back to what I quoted from Milton. There is life in a book, real life, which other inanimate objects do not have. I would go so far as to say that there is a parallel here; as a book is utterly different from other objects, however significant, so a human being is utterly different from any animal, however significant.

Can books kill people? Certainly; there have been many instances of falling volumes or collapsing shelves. A hurled book can certainly injure; indeed, I have never forgotten the moment in my childhood when I threw a book at my sister. It was a heavy one, and it hit her in the forehead, corner first; it raised a mighty bruise, and I have never shaken off the picture: an inch-and-a-half lower and she might have lost an eye.

From that day to this I have never thrown a book at any person or any animal; indeed, I have never even thrown one to the floor, however bad. Once, visiting, I saw a book of mine that I had lent to the house in which I was being entertained: but I could hardly swallow a mouthful, because I could see that the book was on the floor propping up a wonky piece of furniture. It was not because it was my book that I suffered; it was the dreadful indignity that the book was suffering. (Heinrich Heine said *Dort, wo man Bücher verbrennt, verbrennt man auch am Ende Menschen* — Whenever books are burnt, in the end people are burnt as well.)

My conversation about the way we shall read in years to come has turned into something considerably more weighty; I am sorry to plunge you into such deep waters. Still, there is no serious threat to books, whether made of paper or of green glass. After all, it is too fanciful to believe that if the nature of the book changes radically, so that we have to seek a screen to read, the electronic book will take over humanity, and use humanity for its own purposes; no doubt there is a science-fiction story in which precisely that happens. Much too fanciful; but was not Heine's terrible truth too fanciful to believe, until it happened?

Slippery stuff, sleaze

Woodrow Wyatt on back to basics minus sex

Pictures of Dennis Skinner in weird disguise hiding in the bushes waiting for the all-clear for a secret visit to his lady friend were hilarious. In Parliament and elsewhere he has vigorously denounced sleaze. Most would think his bizarre behaviour, prompted by sexual urges sometimes the curse and sometimes the joy of mankind's compulsion to perpetuate its species, was a trifle sleazy. Mr Skinner has carefully concealed his marriage split-up by staying regularly in the family home in his constituency. These matters should be private, but no longer are for anyone in the public eye. Details of sex scandals attaching to MPs are gleefully reported, and presumably gleefully read, by the notoriously prurient British public.

Labour was apparently about to base much of its Eastleigh election campaign on the "sleazy" sexual practices of the previous incumbent, Stephen Milligan. That must now be off the menu, not only at Eastleigh but elsewhere. There are adulterers, fornicators and homosexuals in every party. Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones, and certainly not at John Major's back-to-basics campaign, which is not about sexual morality but about civilised respect for law and order, without which communities fall apart.

This campaign ought to transcend political divisions, and Mr Major should stick to it. Back to basics is especially needed now that the churches have lost most of their authority because the mythology on which it was founded is no longer credible to the vast majority. Most feel it must be replaced by something. That something has to be treating and honouring others' rights as we would like ours to be, because that is just. This must be nobler than good behaviour obtained for improbable rewards or punishments in afterlife. Law-abiding atheists have always thought so. If this is generally accepted, as I surmise it is, we can now get back to politics minus sex.

The most obvious danger to the Conservatives is that they have been there for 15 years with up to three years to go. There is a feeling there may be some truth in Lord Acton's dictum, "Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely". Sometimes this Government gives the appearance of arrogance, as though we were privileged to receive from such all-knowing ministers instructions which are often abruptly or clumsily expressed and frequently have to be altered. Humility with an acknowledgement that ministers have the privilege of serving us, and not the other way round, would be welcome. This does not mean, of course, that the Government should dodge what is right because it is temporarily unpopular.

Another danger is the quarrelling within the Tory Party. The Bevanite split in the Labour Party lost it office in 1951; it scraped back with a majority of only three in 1964 after a show of unity. A party continually divided tends to lose attraction. Meanwhile, Labour is showing increasing awareness that capitalism is fine and here to stay, that nationalisation is out, and that there should be a partnership between public and private finance. We will hear more of this during the week, when businessmen attend the Labour Finance and Industry Group symposium. The issue of Labour's anxiety to accept the social chapter, which could destroy industry and commerce by making us uncompetitive, will doubtless be ignored.

In 1961, when still a Labour MP, I urged a Lib-Lab pact with a view to restraining extremist elements in the Labour Party. It might have worked then and, on the face of it, would win the election now, but for a fatal flaw. Labour and the Liberal Democrats both want more power for Brussels and a federal political union of Europe, both of which propositions are anathema to the majority. This will not prevent the Lib Dems winning the Eastleigh by-election, where interest in the subject of a federalist Europe is overshadowed by current discontents. Nor will voters bother themselves with European considerations in the coming election to the European parliament, regarding it as another chance to castigate the Government for alleged or real misdemeanours. The Tory Party managers should not make fools of themselves by declaring they are confident of winning Eastleigh or doing well at the next European elections. They should say we will try our best and hope to do better than expected — such humility might even enable them to do so.

Before the next general election Mr Major has plenty of time for his policies to prove themselves. Notwithstanding occasional blips, the economy grows steadily stronger. The April tax increases will not seem as unbearable as most commentators suggest: they will be cushioned by the continuing rise in average earnings. Labour's assault on Tory tax rises that are intended to be temporary will be measured against Labour's known love of permanently higher taxes. Mr Major has fast learnt to be resilient to setbacks. He will have an uncomfortable early summer but could look forward to a more agreeable late summer as he watches Test cricket.

Sexually Harrised

ACADEMIC angst has been provoked by a short story written by one of Oxford's most senior fellows for the *Oxford Magazine*, which circulates among university staff. Professor Henry Harris, the retiring Regius Professor of Medicine, has stirred up a hornets' nest with his tale entitled *Sexual Harassment*.

The story concerns a tutor of medicine unjustly accused by a flirtatious female student. Only after he has lost his job and she ends up in a psychiatric institution is it discovered that the tutor is gay, so would never have made the alleged advances. Harris writes of the student's plunging neckline and soaring hemline, of how the tutor could not defend himself for fear of ridicule and of how his excellent career was ruined.

But he insists it is simply knock-about fiction — albeit born from his experiences at Oxford. "It's a story. The mistake people make is to read into authors' minds things that are said by the characters."

Others maintain it is blatantly sexist and an appallingly frivolous treatment. "It is a very silly story on a sensitive subject from a senior academic," says Professor George Efstathiou, Oxford's professor of astrophysics. "I have not spoken to a single female who has reacted favourably."

Jim Reed, professor of German at Queen's College, and editor of the magazine, concedes there has been some lively correspondence in the wake of Harris's version of *Oleanna*. "But I do not go around trying to stir up controversy."

Chelsea boot

DENNIS SKINNER weathered the inevitable "ho-hos" from sneering Tory MPs as he took his customary place in the Chamber yesterday. Although unusually silent, the newly-dubbed Beast of Legover appeared to colleagues to be bloodied but unbowed by revelations of his visits to the Chelsea home of Lois Blasenheim, his Commons researcher. However, underneath, the hard-left MP is seething.

What has really got up the Skinner nostrils is the slight to his impeccable proletarian credentials by the implication that he has "defected" to the Tory establishment by romancing a woman who has a flat in London's Carlyle Square, home to the likes of the Duchess of Portland, actress Felicity Kendal and Sir David Frost. "All this rubbish about it being Chelsea . . ." growls the Beast. "When all's said and done, it's only a one-roomed basement flat." Ah, but as any socially aware Londoner will tell you Dennis — it's the postcode that counts.

● *For bemused passengers who struggle to make sense of Tannoyed announcements at Waterloo Tube station, fresh confusion is at hand. Very soon, some of the messages really won't be in English. Forty of the station's staff are learning French to help them cope with passengers coming off Le Shuttle at the international terminal above. Two-day courses will cover the basic "How do I get to . . ." questions. But no mention, s'il vous plait, of the battle . . .*

DIARY

Career trap

NANCY SEABROOKE understudied the part of Mrs Boyle in *The Mousetrap* for 15 years, before deciding that at the age of 79 it was time to hang up the greasepaint. Her replacement, Sarah Whitlock, who takes over next month, could be in for an even longer run.

"I'm younger than the average understudy of Mrs Boyle," says Whitlock. "I'm only 41 so I've still got a bit of life in me. I shall stick with it for as long as possible. In this recession, it's a nice little job."



Mousetrap tradition suggests it could be a nice little job for some considerable time. As producer Sir Peter Saunders says: "I don't think I have ever fired anyone from *The Mousetrap*." Although Seabrooke may have been the longest serving understudy in the show, the oldest was Jane Comfort (*below*), who stepped down in 1974 at the age of 84. She took on the role expecting the engagement to last two weeks — and stayed nine years. And her predecessor Evelyn "Johnnie" Moore took her final bow at 75, after ten years of waiting for that last-minute call. As the new understudy will doubtless discover, this one will run and run.

Hardball

AS John Major and Albert Reynolds spent Saturday together, talking first in Downing Street, then attending the England v Ireland international at Twickenham, another display of Anglo-Irish solidarity was going on up the road at Richmond. A rugby team of peers and MPs were pitted against sporting members of the Irish Dail with a sprinkling of celebrity players. Result: a tactful 17-all.

By all accounts the tackling was energetic, and the celebrations lengthy. On the British side, the star was the former Scottish rugby international Lord Rennell, showing he had lost none of his style at 58. Hugo MacNeill, former Irish international, took a break from commentating to put his shorts back on. Unluckily he missed a conversion in the last minute.

Britain also fielded Lords Addington, Redesdale and St John of Bletso together with John Denham, Iain Duncan-Smith and Phillip Oppenheim from the Commons. "A diplomatic result with the referees playing a full and constructive part," reports ex-bouncer Lord Addington. And afterwards? "Let's say it was nice to be on the side that got to bed first."

First outing

BORSETSHIRE, shaken from its rural slumber by Mark Hebden's fatal road accident, has another shock in store. One of the two homosexuals of Ambridge, controversially "outed" last December by Archers editor Vanessa Whitburn, makes his first appearance with the cast next month.

Hitherto, Shane, the chef at Nelson's Wine Bar, has not uttered a word — unlike Jean-Paul, who has uttered many. But guests at the annual Archers Dinner next month, an evening of "good food, wines and convivial entertainment" laid on for listeners in Birmingham, are promised the first Shane sighting. "The wine bar's chef may be enticed out of the kitchen," admits the BBC.

SPYWATCHER

Intelligence services need oversight from enquiring minds

Today the House of Commons debates the Intelligence Services Bill. As Lord Richard observed when the Bill had its second reading in the Lords, secrecy and class are the two great British obsessions. If John Major has not yet succeeded in creating a classless society, this Bill allows at least a crack of light to fall upon the activities and priorities of secret intelligence.

Citizens of other countries were commonly astonished that, until five years ago, none of Britain's intelligence services was officially acknowledged to exist. In 1989, with the Security Service Act, MI5 was put on a statutory footing. Today's Bill adds MI6 and GCHQ, the listening post, to the list, sets up a parliamentary committee to oversee all three intelligence services and provides remedies for those who want to complain about their treatment at the hands of either agency. (MI5 already has its own.)

If only because the services between them cost the taxpayer £900 million a year, such parliamentary oversight is welcome. Now that the Cold War is over, MI6 and GCHQ in particular need to justify their continuing existence and scale. They still have tasks aplenty in protecting Britain's national and economic interests, but the more diverse the threats, the more important it becomes for the agencies to be able to explain their expanded roles.

This is particularly important because their successes are often invisible. As Sir Percy Cradock, once chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee, has said: "It's often the things that don't happen, the terrorist bomb that does not go off, the international treaty that goes through smoothly, the thoughts of aggression that become second thoughts and are never acted upon."

MI5 too has successes that must remain unseen. Its role, at home in Britain, will inevitably mean, however, that it attracts the greatest supervision. Stella Rimington, the director-general of the service since 1992, has done much to reassure MPs. In the Lords debate, however, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, a former Home Secretary, described MI5's political surveillance role as incapable of being undertaken by "those who live in the distorting and *Alice Through the Looking Glass* world in which falsehood becomes truth, fact becomes fiction and fantasy becomes reality".

No small committee made up of parliamentarians will be able by itself to prevent excesses being repeated. But such a committee is better than no oversight at all. Surprisingly perhaps to those who favour as much openness as possible, it should be more effective than a full select committee. Experience in America has shown that too much openness in this area can defeat the purpose of parliamentary accountability.

The Bill provides for six members in all, from the Commons and the Lords, appointed by the Prime Minister in consultation with the Leader of the Opposition. All the meetings will be private, and the committee's annual report can be "sanitised" by the Prime Minister before it reaches Parliament. Such scrutiny may sound weak. But it is the only oversight compatible with an acceptable level of frankness from the services concerned. A select committee would be told nothing of interest; a small group of hand-picked parliamentarians, sworn to secrecy, should find the intelligence services open enough.

Crucially, though, the members must be picked for their enquiring minds. It is too easy for a parliamentarian's head to be turned by being included in the "ring of secrecy" that surrounds the intelligence services. No good will be served if the committee accepts all it is told without question. In this case, proper scepticism must not be seen as incompatible with trustworthiness or loyalty to the country.

YELTSIN'S VERY OWN COUP

Russia must now take the next step to win Bosnian glory

Russia's self-congratulation knows no bounds. Heartened at the unusual television pictures of Russian soldiers applauded by crowds, President Yeltsin's spokesman exploited Moscow's diplomatic coup in Bosnia for all its political advantage, insisting that Russian pressure persuaded the Serbs to pull back their guns, that Russian warnings prevented Nato air strikes and that it was Russian action which brought peace so palpably nearer. There is a degree of chauvinist exaggeration here. But much of what he says is right. The West should be generous in acknowledgement.

It had previously been feared that Russian support for the Serbs would undercut world pressure on Belgrade. The identification of the Russian far-right with the cause of Serbian nationalism tarred each with the other's brush. When, therefore, Mr Yeltsin began to equivocate over air strikes and the Russian media began to bang the drum of Slavic solidarity, the West assumed that he was merely fobbing off his nationalists. Little attention was paid to the footwork of Vitaly Churkin, the Russian special envoy. Not until the Russian soldiers were on their way to Sarajevo did Western leaders realise that Mr Yeltsin had stolen the clothes of his opponents.

The immediate reaction was one of alarm. The White House played down the Russian intervention — probably to cover the President's embarrassment at not being informed by the Pentagon that the troops were on their way. Western sceptics joined Sarajevo's Muslims in denouncing the Russian presence as dangerous and destabilising, an event harking back to the old Soviet instinct to dominate Eastern Europe. Many Muslims, eager to avenge 22 months of Serbian shelling, were angered that Moscow had thwarted the Western military intervention they had so long urged. Perversely, some even voiced disappointment at a ceasefire if it also silenced their own guns.

President Clinton is not among the sceptics. He seems to have decided at last that America can no longer stand aside from this conflict. Yesterday he said he hoped the Russians would be "intensely involved" in building on the frail truce. The test of Russian intentions comes today at the Bonn meeting of Europeans, Russians and Americans. Mr Yeltsin must exploit his new credibility in Belgrade and Pale to entrench in Serbian minds that they have nothing to lose from magnanimity. This means lifting the murderous blockades of the other misnamed "safe areas".

Serbs must be made to see that victory in war — now, effectively, theirs — has historically been consolidated only when the victors hand back a portion of their gains. This is not the language of legal absolutes or the high ideals of international organisations. But it is a realistic way to restart peace talks after this new display of international determination. The Serbs, paranoid in their isolation, have some trust in the Russians. Moscow can best repay this by pulling the Serbs back to the table, using deeply felt ties of religion, culture and history to warn with brutal frankness of the dangers of letting this opportunity slip.

OLD SPORTS

Veterans play vicariously for at least half the human race

Youth used to be the season for strength, and age for discretion. The young were warriors and athletes, while the less physically strenuous roles of generals and commentators were reserved for their elders. But at the Winter Olympics, Jayne Torvill (aged 36) and Christopher Dean (35) danced on ice with a mature precision that outshone the fresh fire of rivals who were still at kindergarten when Torvill and Dean were first twirling and sliding together.

In Boston, at the age of 41, Eamonn Coghlan has just become the first human aged over 40 to run a mile in less than four minutes. We should recall that as soon as Roger Bannister burst through the four-minute barrier in 1954, he retired — even before the next Olympic Games — to take up his adult career. A generation later, in many sports besides running, players are performing for far longer. Fitter and better trained, armed with rackets and other tools that have become more powerful, veterans keep competing.

The huge modern rewards of sporting celebrity make it hard to give up before one's very last time. Torvill and Dean became rich as professionals before returning to the Olympics as reborn amateurs in order to renew their appeal at the box office. Arnold Palmer and Gary Player carry on into ripe old age. Tony Jacklin today earns more in a single season on the seniors' golf tour in the United States than he did in his entire career as a young professional a generation ago. Veteran tennis tournaments this summer will bring back onto the courts Rod Laver, Ilie Nastase and Ken Rosewall. George Foreman, the heavyweight champion of the world in 1973, has again become a contender for the world heavyweight title.

Do these veterans think at their age it is right? There have always been some sports such as real tennis in which the complexity of the rules and the cunning of the game have given age an advantage over strength. Before the modern fetish of circuit training, cricket used to be a game for the experienced as much as the athletic. W.G. Grace captained England at the age of 50 and his first-class playing career lasted 45 years. It is sentimental to suppose that the veterans played better, or that a side consisting of Grace and his peers would stand a chance against the helmeted ferocity of the modern game. In spite of fond memories, Fred Perry in his prime would not have taken a set against the grim young sluggers of modern tennis. In all such sports as athletics, where performances can be measured, it is clear that men and women are running faster, jumping farther and lasting longer than their mothers and fathers.

But this age that believes in equal opportunity for all has brought a golden summer for the older athletes who are established celebrities, approachable, less driven by mercenary demons, and display riper character. They are an encouragement to those of mature years, who form an increasingly large proportion of the population. When Torvill and Dean take to the ice, they spin a lutz at the ageing process, and send a golden glow through all those aged over 20, who make up one half the human race at least.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Euthanasia: the right to choose

From Mrs Diana Cooper

Sir, In concluding that the message sent by society to the elderly, sick or distressed "should not, however obliquely, encourage them to seek death, but should assure them of our care and support in life", the House of Lords committee on medical ethics (report, February 17) dodges the issue and ignores the needs of the terminally ill.

I am terminally ill with lung cancer. Since news of my condition became known among my family, friends and colleagues I have been surrounded with love, support and care. I have no doubt that such concern will continue until the end.

I wish that I could be totally assured that my end will be pain-free. I know that all efforts will be made to ensure that I am comfortable. However, I also know that there is a residual group of patients for whom pain control ultimately does not work. I hope to God I am not in that group.

As a result of their lordships' rather glib approach to the realities of the situation, I and many in my position must now accept that we may die in agony, in the sight of our children, rather than being able to put ourselves out of our misery when all else fails.

If their lordships really wanted to improve the quality of my life now they should have given me and my children the reassurance that I will have the absolute right to determine the manner in which my life will end.

Yours sincerely,
DIANA COOPER,
Hardwicke Building,
New Square, Lincoln's Inn, WC2.
February 17.

Taxation policy

From Mr David Smith

Sir, Sir Peter Hordern criticises Lord Rees-Mogg for pointing out that this Government's record on public spending is at odds with ministerial rhetoric (letter, February 15). Since I did the analysis on which Lord Rees-Mogg's argument was based, I feel obliged to respond.

It is certainly the case, contrary to Sir Peter's suggestion, that the planned growth of public spending in real terms over this Parliament will be greater, at 12.3 per cent, than in any Parliament since the 1970-74 Conservative Government. This remains true if one measures annual average growth rates (more than 2.3 per cent a year in the present Parliament).

Sir Peter suggests that the method of calculation, comparing the final years of the present and previous Parliaments, is unfair, and that the first year of the present Parliament (fiscal 1992-93) should be ignored because it reflects decisions taken before the April 1992 general election.

Ministers have made similar suggestions and I can only presume this reflects a desire to distinguish the present Government, led by John Major, from the previous administration, also led by John Major.

Ministers and Conservative MPs appear determined to ignore the fundamental link between tax and spending. The Government's current tax problems are in large part due to a loss of control over public spending.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID SMITH
(Economics Editor),
The Sunday Times,
1 Pennington Street, E1.
February 16.

Tabloids and sleaze

From Mr Richard Gunning

Sir, Mrs Mary Foreman (letter, February 15) is surely being naive. The tabloid newspapers do not merely report the facts about sleaze — they occasionally embellish them, and they often contrive to present them in a manner that is in inverse proportion to their real significance.

They do this to gain a competitive advantage: to increase circulation.

The sadness is that there is a huge audience eager to devour their work. Whilst "bonking" is a better read than Bosnia, our tabloid press will continue to flourish, and who can blame them?

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD GUNNING,
38 Sprucedale Gardens,
Wallington, Surrey.
February 16.

Driver's handicap

From Mr Aubrey Clayphan

Sir, Why does the British car driver still have to apply for a Green Card every time he wishes to take his car across the Channel? His French counterpart receives a Green Card as his sole annual proof of insurance and can therefore cross frontiers at will.

My own insurers make no charge either for the card or the foreign use endorsement. Others apparently do. I feel this borders on sharp practice.

Yours faithfully,
AUBREY CLAYPHAN,
Torridon, Leigh, Worcester.
February 17.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — 071-782 5046.

In defence of the 'flying bishops'

From the Dean of Winchester

Sir, The newly appointed "flying bishops" have both publicly declared their opposition to women priests and have refused to work with them.

Yet the Archdeacon of York and his friends on the extreme wing of the traditionalist camp declare them to be unacceptable because they have not been sufficiently prominent in the movement opposing women priests (report, February 17).

I find this attitude deplorable and it speaks to me more of sour grapes and bruised egos than of any real concern for the future of the Church of England.

The Provincial Episcopal Visitors will be first and foremost bishops in the Church, and neither agents nor spokesmen for a sect within it. Their selection followed the normal pattern, involving widespread consultation, including those opposed to the ordination of women.

The criteria for this sensitive post required not only opposition to women priests but also long pastoral experience of working with clergy and their parishes, a practical legal knowledge of the Church, and a senior appointment which involved working with diocesan bishops. In all these respects the two archdeacons who are to become bishops are eminently qualified.

Yours faithfully,
TREVOR BEESON,
The Deanery,
Winchester, Hampshire.
February 17.

From the Bishop of Derby

Sir, The Archdeacon of York suggests that the ages of the newly appointed Provincial Episcopal Visitors (PEVs), and the fact that only two suffragan sees were filled, rather than three, will be seen as a betrayal by traditionalists.

Appointing bishops at the age of 59 or 60 is nothing new, as I can testify. I was appointed at 59, and the bishops of Durham and Pontefract were a similar age. The new bishops have ten years ahead of them before they must retire.

Because of the importance and sensitive nature of the role of the so-called "flying bishops", it was necessary to appoint people who were experienced and who were already occupying a senior position in the Church. I believe both men appointed meet those requirements.

The Act of Synod allows for up to three PEVs. Because a number of dioceses in the Canterbury province are making arrangements internally, or with a neighbouring diocese, to provide pastoral care for those opposed to women priests, only one PEV has been appointed there.

If the demand requires, the third see of Richborough has been approved and will be filled.

Yours faithfully,
PETER DERBY,
The Bishop's Office,
Derby Church House,
Full Street, Derby.
February 17.

Privileged peers

From Councillor M. J. Hughes

Sir, Your report, "Tory peers organise whip-round for jobless Caithness" (February 12), states: "The peer could claim more than £20,000 expenses from the House of Lords by the end of the year ... His unemployment benefit will not be affected."

I was made redundant during the summer. When I signed on for unemployment benefit my allowances for attendance as a district councillor (£14 a meeting) were deducted from my payment.

One rule for peers, one for councillors!

Yours sincerely,
MARK HUGHES
(North Hertfordshire
District Council),
9 Betony Vale,
Royston, Hertfordshire.

From Mr Richard Wyld

Sir, Whilst I feel some sympathy for the Earl of Caithness, is it any wonder that the esteem in which politicians are held is sinking when we are shown the double standards that are in operation in Parliament? Why should any minister who voluntarily leaves office receive a tax-free redundancy payment?

The fact that an unelected peer can receive a tax-free allowance for simply turning up at the House is inequitable. If the Prime Minister really wishes to make a small but substantial step towards his classless society he should ensure that House of Lords attendance allowances become subject to taxation.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WYLD,
38 Middle Farm Place,
Effingham, Surrey.
February 14.

Value of therapy

From Dr Patricia Gillan

Sir, Fay Weldon ["I think I was a good and faithful wife", February 4; letters, February 15] was unfortunately correct in saying that anyone can set up as a therapist and that this can expose vulnerable clients to charlatans and quacks. However, steps are being taken by the BAC (British Association of Counselling) and the BASMT (British Association of Sexual and Marital Therapy) to recommend therapists and accreditation is already taking place of both societies.

During my first years of practice as a consultant psychologist and psychotherapist, some 30 years ago, I would have been very sorry if my work had been described as a "curse" — the word used by Fay Weldon and echoed in the title of the forthcoming *Times*/Dillons debate. Equally it would be very cynical to write us off today because of unfavourable experiences with "new age" therapists. The public should know that there is a difference between psychoanalysis on the one hand and behavioural and cognitive psychotherapy on the other. The latter is scientifically based and backed up with objective research on outcome; the former is subjective and based on unfavourable hypotheses.

So, thank you, Fay Weldon, for stirring up the therapeutic cauldron.

Yours faithfully,
P. GILLAN
(Consultant psychologist),
7 Upper Harley Street, NW1.

From Ms Fiona Megginson

Sir, I would never have expected the once feisty Fay Weldon to don the weeds of an abandoned woman as overwhelmingly as she did in her interview with Libby Purves. Women who have admired her robust stance in tackling contemporary relationships through her books can only gasp with incredulity at her current wimpishness. "I think I was a good and faithful wife", indeed!

However, I believe Ms Weldon is made of ultimately sterner stuff and will regain her strength after her very necessary period of mourning.

Yours faithfully,
FIONA M. MEGGINSON,
2 Hill Court, Hill Court Road,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.

Cut above the rest

From Captain A. E. Thomson, RN (retd)

Sir, The puzzlement expressed by correspondents (February 8, 15) over the wording of prescriptions for children and pets can also be encountered in the supermarket. Even the best intentioned instructions supplied with food products by a kindly management can lead to confusion.

With my carving knife poised last Sunday I read the following from the wrapper: "To carve, 1. Remove string. 2. Remove rind. 3. Carve downwards, parallel to the carving board." Luckily the fork had a guard. And the pork tasted fine, vertical and horizontal.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW THOMSON,
Bay Tree Cottage, Bentley,
Farnham, Surrey.
February 17.

The law and security

From Mr Barry Hughes

Sir, Sir Frederick Lawton is reported (February 18) as saying that touring High Court judges needed security and could not stay in hotels "as that risked them running into witnesses and defendants".

He might care to reflect on the fact that magistrates are *required* to live or work in their local community and run this risk daily.

Who is living in the real world?

Yours etc,
BARRY HUGHES,
44 Snakes Lane West,
Woodford Green, Essex.
February 19.

Music to grow by

From Mr K. Appleby

Sir, Further to your leader and correspondence (February 16) on repertoire for Classic FM's *Classic Gardeners' Forum*, might I suggest the following: J. S. Bach's "Sheep may safely graze", for listeners with larger gardens; Respighi's "The Birds" and Vaughan Williams's "The Lark Ascending" for those whose attempts at growing plants are thwarted by creatures other than insect pests; and Finzi's "The Fall of the Leaf", for autumn listening.

By the way, Delius's "Walk to the Paradise Garden", suggested by Professor Garden, is named after an alpine inn, The Paradise Garden. This could be the solution to any gardening problem on a summer afternoon.

Yours faithfully,
KEVIN APPLEBY
(General Manager),
Wren Orchestra,
Euston Tower, NW1.

Tribute to Calman

From Mr Greville Janner, QC, MP for Leicester West (Labour)

Sir, Mel Calman (letters, February 12, 18) was not only a great cartoonist, but a wonderful and generous friend. His masterpiece for my last birthday showed my mother in her bed, with a doctor beside her saying: "I'm sorry, Mrs Janner — it's not a boy or a girl. It's a politician!" All politicians will miss him, especially me.

Yours faithfully,
GREVILLE JANNER,
House of Commons.

Who may wear the No 10 jewels?

From Mr M. S. Bell

Sir, Much of the press comment about Mrs Major's use of jewellery, mainly from the Middle East, presented to Lady Thatcher (reports, February 17, 18) displays woeful ignorance of Arab customs and tradition in relation to gifts.

Whilst serving as prime minister, Lady Thatcher visited a number of Arab countries to promote relations with Britain and it is generally acknowledged that she was remarkably successful. Whatever opinion may be in this country about her policies she was, and still is, greatly respected in the Arab world as a strong leader.

It was normal for her to be presented with valuable personal gifts as a measure of that respect and quite impossible for her to refuse them without giving offence to her hosts.

As British Government rules prevent prime ministers or ministers from keeping such gifts, the jewellery has remained at Downing Street. It is almost beyond belief that Downing Street staff should be so crass as to allow Mr Major's wife to wear the jewellery in public, to a ball, as if it had the status of a pool car.

Mrs Major was photographed wearing the jewellery while declaring that she "felt like a Christmas tree". How would we feel if a British award or gift to, say, Caspar Weinberger or Colin Powell, was used by a relative of one of their successors? We would be insulted and that is what we have done to whichever country presented this gift. We have insulted them.

Yours faithfully,
MARTIN BELL,
16 St James's Square, SW1.
February 18.

From Sir Horace Phillips

Sir, It is perhaps of topical interest that as long ago as 1930 the Foreign Secretary (Arthur Henderson) sent a circular to all British diplomatic representatives laying it down that, as a general rule, they and their families and staff should not accept presents from foreign governments or individuals. But it was recognised that there were cases when refusal to accept a present "might entail undesirable consequences".

Any such case was to be reported to the Foreign Secretary, who would then judge it on its merits. If he gave authority for a valuable present to be accepted it must be regarded as the property of HM Government, to be disposed of as he thought fit.

This ruling was largely the outcome of a request by Sir Andrew Ryan, then minister at Jiddah, for instructions. King Abdul Aziz ibn Saud had sent him presents to take to his children (he was going on home leave), and had added something for himself and his wife. It was an Arab custom. To refuse such presents could give offence, implying that they were given in order to influence the recipient. This was a matter for concern to Ryan, anxious to make a success of his mission as the first British diplomatic representative in Ibn Saud's new kingdom.

Many Arab rulers adopted the custom of giving presents to senior British diplomats. It was a custom reciprocated by us on appropriate occasions, the whole traffic strictly monitored by the Foreign Office. When I was deputy political resident in the Persian Gulf in the Sixties, presents given to us by local rulers were, with the exception of a few retained with permission, regarded, and stored, as the property of HMG, without indication of the individual recipient.

Yours faithfully,
HORACE PHILLIPS
(Ambassador to Turkey, 1973-77),
34a Sheridan Road, SW19.
February 21.

From Sir Henry Marking

Sir, If the reports about the gifts of jewellery now held for use of the incumbents of No 10 are correct, how presumptuous of Lady Thatcher to seek to exercise from beyond the political grave some control over the wearing of it; but how spineless of Mr Major to have acceded to her wishes.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY MARKING,
6a Montagu Mews North, W1.

From Mr Brian Crozier

Sir, I agree with Libby Purves ("You've let us down, Lady T", February 18) about that Downing Street necklace. But it's a shame that she, like others before her, spoils it by getting her Dumas in a twist. The queen of the necklace was Marie Antoinette (consort of Louis XVI, 18th century). By that time, the Three Musketeers (Louis XIII, 17th century) would have been long dead, had they existed in the first place, if you see what I mean. (Dumas claimed that they did, but that doesn't change anything.)

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN CROZIER,
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17b Dollis Avenue, Finchley, N3.

From Mr David Manson

Sir, Your report (February 18) refers to the jewellery collection as being "for the use of prime ministers or their spouses". Does this mean that Mr Major might brighten up his grey image with a pair of drop diamond earrings?

Yours faithfully,
DAVID MANSON,
St Frideswide's Cottage, Knighton,
Nr Shrivenham, Wiltshire.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 21: The Princess Royal, Patron, National Association of Victim Support Schemes, this morning attended the launch of "Victims Week" at 36 Dean Street. Bedminster, Bristol, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Avon (Sir John Wills, Bt).

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
February 21: The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards, this morning visited the 1st Battalion, Victoria Barracks, Windsor, Berkshire. Captain Alexander Tetley was in attendance.

The Duke of Kent this evening presented the Duff Cooper Prize, at the Mayfair Hotel, Stratton Street, London W1.

Mr Nicolas Adamson was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Patron, UNICEF UK, this morning launched the UNICEF and British Airways Change for Good Project, Speedbird House, Heathrow Airport, Hounslow, Middlesex.

Mrs Julian Tomkins was in attendance.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: George Washington, 1st American President 1789-97, Westmoreland County, Virginia, 1732; *Arthur Schopenhauer*, philosopher, Gdansk, 1788; Thomas Winter, pugilist, Witchend, near Fownhope, Herefordshire, 1795; James Lowell, poet and diplomat, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 1819; Robert Baden-Powell, Baron Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scout movement, London, 1857, (his wife Olave was born on this day, Wingesworth, Derbyshire, 1889); *Heinrich Hertz*, physicist, Hamburg, 1857; Eric Gill, artist, sculptor and typographer, Brighton, 1882; Edna St Vincent Millay, poet, Rockland, Maine, 1892; Luis Bunuel, Spanish film director, Calanda, 1900.

DEATHS: David Bruce, David II, King of Scotland, reigned 1329-71, Edinburgh, 1371; Amerigo Vespucci, merchant and adventurer, Seville, 1512; Jean Pierre de Crousaz, philosopher, Lausanne, 1750; James Barry, painter, London, 1806; Adam Ferguson, philosopher, St Andrews, 1816; *Sydney Smith*, clergyman and wit, London, 1845; Sir Charles Lyell, geologist, London, 1875; Jean-Baptiste Corot, painter, Paris, 1875; Hugo Wolf, lieder composer, Vienna, 1903; Stefan Zweig, novelist, Petropolis, Brazil, 1942; Elizabeth Bowen, novelist, London, 1973; Oskar Kokoschka, painter, Switzerland, 1980; Andy Warhol, painter, New York, 1987.

The Times ran the first classified personal column, 1886.

Admiral Sir Frank Twiss

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Admiral Sir Frank Twiss will be held at 3.00pm on Wednesday, March 23, at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London.

Most Honourable Order of the Bath

A service of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath will be held in Westminster Abbey on Wednesday, May 25, 1994, at 11.15 in the presence of the Prince of Wales, The Great Master. Details have been sent to all Members of the Order, but, if they have not been received, Members should write to the Central Chancery of the Orders of Knighthood, St James's Palace, London, SW1A 1BH.

Legal news

Margaret Langley to be joint district judge for the district of the Central London County Court from February 28.

Penny Cushing to be a district judge of the Principal Registry of the Family Division from March 7.

Peter Shaw Gill to be joint district judge for the districts of the Luton, Bedford, Hitchin and St Albans County Courts and in the District Registry of the High Court at Luton and Bedford from March 14.

Birthdays

The Duchess of Kent celebrates her birthday today.

Mr H.A. Ashmall, rector, Morrison's Academy, Perthshire, 55; Sir Roderick Barclay, diplomat, 85; the Hon James Bethell, racehorse trainer, 42; Mr Michael Chang, tennis player, 22; Mr J.N. Ellis, *trades unionist*, 55; Mr Joseph Ettedgui, fashion designer, 58; Professor Sir Brian Follett, vice-chancellor, Warwick University, 55; Mr Bruce Forsyth, entertainer, 66; Miss Deborah Grant, actress, 47; Miss Sheila Hancock, actress, 61; Miss Jocelyn Herbert, stage designer, 77; Mr Howard Hodgson, former chief executive, PFG Hodgson Kenyon International, 44; Mr Mike Hollingsworth, television executive, 48; Dr Sir David Jack, pharmacologist, 70; Mr Peter Jacobs, chief executive, BUPA, 51; Mr Edward Kennedy, American Politician, 62; Sir John Kerr, UK Permanent Representative to the *European Communities, Brussels*, 52; Miss Patricia Lancaster, former headmistress, Wycombe Abbey School, 65; Mr Niki Lauda, racing driver, 45; Miss Frances Line, controller, BBC Radio 2, 54; Sir John Mills, actor, producer and director, 86; Mr Tom Okker, tennis player, 50; Mr Richard Page, MP, 53; Mr Nigel Planer, actor, 41; Lieutenant-General the Hon Sir William Rous, 55; Sir William Slack, former Serjeant Surgeon to The Queen, 69; Mr Ian Stark, showjumper, 40; Lord Strathclyde, 34; Dame Joan Varley, former Conservative party agent, 74; Miss Julie Walters, actress, 44; Mr S.C. Whitbread, former chairman, Whitbread and Company, 57.



ROBIN MAYES

Yehudi Menuhin with the Emperor String Quartet who will be among 22 competitors in the London International String Quartet Competition in April. Lord Menuhin, 77, is artistic director of the competition which is open to young musicians. It takes place in Goldsmiths' Hall, City of London, with a closing gala concert on April 11, and is sponsored by British Gas

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Barbara Allen, Assistant Curate, Chessington: to be Assistant Curate, Chertsey (Guildford).
The Rev Robin Brown, Curate, St Chad's, Far Headingley: to be Vicar, Hawksworth Wood w Moor Grange (Ripon).
The Rev Karina Green, Assistant Curate, Lee-on-Solent (Portsmouth): to be Diocesan Youth Officer (Guildford).
The Rev Barbara Harrison, Assistant Curate, Immingham: to be Minister-in-charge, Habrough (Lincoln).
The Rev William Hopkinson, Bishop's Officer for Continuing Ministerial Education and Post Ordination Training (Chester): to be Priest-in-charge, Tenterden St Michael (Canterbury).
The Rev Michael Horton, Assistant Curate, Ulverston (Carlisle): to be Vicar, All Saints, Lightwater (Guildford).
The Rev Paul Kennington, Curate, St Clement w St Peter, Dulwich: to be Team Vicar, Mortlake w East Sheen Team Ministry and w special responsibility for All Saints, East Sheen (Southwark).
The Rev Toby Marchand, Vicar, Deal St Leonard: to continue as Rural Dean of Sandwich (Canterbury) for a further period of three years.
The Rev David Newton, Rector, Ampleforth w Oswaldkirk and Gilling East: to be *also* Rural Dean of Helmsley (York).
The Rev Owen Page, Assistant Curate, St Nicholas, Great Bookham (Guildford): to be Vicar, St Augustine's, King's Heath, Northampton (Peterborough).
The Rev Peter Partington, Rector, Busbridge: to be Diocesan Director of Ordinands and Priest-in-charge, Brookwood and Mayford (Guildford).
The Rev Philip Ritchie, Curate, Waltham Abbey: to be Team Vicar, Becontree, St Thomas in Becontree West Team Ministry (Chelmsford).
The Rev John Sclater, Assistant Curate, Linslade: to be Priest-in-charge, Hedsor w Bourne End (Oxford).
The Rev John Simmons, Rector, Burton Latimer: to be *also* Rural Dean of Kettering (Peterborough).
The Rev Gilbert Spencer, Vicar, Minster-in-Sheppey: to be *also* Rural Dean of Sittingbourne (Canterbury).

Memorial service

Mr Cliff Temple
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Cliff Temple was held yesterday at St Bride's, Fleet Street. Canon John Oates officiated. Mr John Rodda read the lesson and Mr Peter Matthews read *Winning Isn't Everything* by Cliff Temple. Mr David Smyth gave an address. Among those present were:

Mrs Joan Temple (mother), Kirsten, Kenza, William and Jos Temple (children), Mrs Clare Temple, Mr and Mrs D F Whatford, Miss Anne Whatford, Mrs Nicola Wood, Mr J Terhorst, Mrs M Burley, Mr Matthew Burley, Melanie Burley, Rachel Burley, Charlotte Burley, Mr William Knight, Mrs Anne Patrizio, Mr Joe Patrizio, Mr Jonathan Patrizio, Mrs Eve Webber, Mr Nick Braisby, Mrs Jennifer Hendry, Mr and Mrs S J Temple, Mrs S Temple, Mr Ian Temple, Mr D D Wilson.

Sir Arthur Gold (European Athletic Association), Mr Andrew Neil (editor, *The Sunday Times*) with Mr Ivan Fallon (deputy editor), Mr Tony Bambridge (*managing editor*), Mr John Witherow, Mr Chris Lightbown, Mr Steve Hutchings, Mr Phil Daniels and other past and present members of staff; Mr John Bryant (deputy editor, *The Times*), with Mr John Goodbody (also *representing the managing* editor) and Mr David Powell (athletics correspondent); Mr Colin Hart (*The Sun*), Mr Ian Darke (Sky Sports) and Mrs Darke, Mr Keith Perry (deputy sports editor, *The Daily Telegraph*) also *representing* the sports editor with Mr Robert Philip, chief sports columnist), Mr Nick Mason (*The Guardian*) and Mrs Mason with Mr Steve Bierley and Mr Pat Rowley; Mr David Emery (sports editor, *Daily Express*), Mr Simon Greenberg (*Mail on Sunday*), Mr Graham Miller (London News Network), Mr Sylvester Stein (chairman, *Sports Magazine*), Mr Andy Etchells and Mr Steve Smyth (*Runners World*), Mr Mike Harrison (*Kent Today*), Mr M Collett (Reuters).

Mr J Neslan and Mr John Hadley (Sports Council), Mr David Bedford (British Athletic Federation), Mr Les Golding (Amateur Athletic Association), Mr Ian Chadband, Mr Stuart Barnes and Mr Randall Northan (British Athletics Writers' Association), Mr John Anderson (chairman, National Association of Sports Coaches), Mr Tom McNab (National Coaching Foundation), Mr Derek Adams (English Cross Country Association), Mr Howard Narraway (Sports Bureau International).

Mr Tim Race (chairman, Folkestone Athletics Club) and Mrs Race with Mrs Sue Elkins and Mrs Hazel Pain; Mr Ted Hawkings, Mrs M Seamon and Mrs J Pearson (Ashford Athletics Club), Mrs Daphne Reed (president, Kent County Athletics), Mr Norman Simons (London Athletics Club), Mr M Fraser Moat (British Milers Club), Mrs Jean Pickering (Ron Pickering Memorial Fund and the Haringey and Essex Ladies Athletics Club), Mr Ron Hawe (Walthamstow Athletics Club), Mr Peter Baigant (Blackheath Harriers), Mrs Hilary Thomas (Sale Harriers), Mrs D Davies and Mrs C Haywood (Cambridge Harriers), Mrs B Ganly (secretary, Bromley Athletics Club), Mrs Mary Routledge and Mrs Gill Lea (Bromley Veterans Athletics Club), Mr Tom Knight (London Marathon), Mr John Jeffery (South of England Athletics), Dr Frank Newton (honorary medical officer, Cross Country Running), Miss Jenny Brown (Julie Rose Memorial Fund), *Mr Alan Pascoe* (Alan Pascoe Associates), Mr Richard Russell (Richard Russell Associates), Mr Roderick Bloomfield (Hodder and Stoughton), Miss M Paul (Stanley Paul).

Mr David Moorcroft, Mr Norman Fox, Mr Steve Ovett, Mr Harry Wilson, Mr Chris Brasher, Mr Ron Murray, Mr Brough Scott, Mr and Mrs Bruce Tulloh, Miss Sarah Powell, Mr and Mrs A Puplett, Mr and Mrs W Moore, Mr David Cocksedge, Mr Duncan MacKay, Mr Peter Cowie, Miss Jackie Chidlow Tobin, Mr and Mrs John Miller, Mr and Mrs J Oliver, Mr and Mrs S Cliffe, Mr Chris Nawrat, Miss Nadia Kendall, Mr Eric Shirley, Mr Peter Griffiths, Mrs D Smyth, Miss Donna Kelly, Mr Bob Moorcroft, Mr David Robson, Mr and Mrs R A White, Mr Alan Luckett, Mr Mel Batty, Mr John Hillier, Mr Emlyn Jones, Mr Peter Thompson, Mr Derrick Collier, Mr Jason Thomas, Mr John Lovesey, Mr Nick Pitt, Mr and Mrs S Levenson, Mr and Mrs R Powell, Mrs Joan Allison, Mrs Marlow Hadler, Miss Georgina Oladapo, Mr and *Mrs Ken Mays, Miss* Catherine Bond, Mr Pat Butcher, Mr Frank Michaelman, Mr and Mrs T Hutchings, Mr Jon Wigley, Mr Hugh Jones, Mrs V Miller, Mr Michael Palmer, Mr H Weaver, Mr and Mrs Don Rose, Mr and Mrs *Stephen Cluney, Mr R Brenchley*, Mr M Firth, Miss N Sherman, Mr N Howell, Mr Nick Troop, Mr and Mrs B Minting, Mr Greg Struthers, Mr John Karter, Mr Dave Huffer, Mr Brian Nicholson, Mr John Anderson, Mr Chris Sly and Mrs Wendy Sly, Mr Tony Rennell, Mr Steve Jones, Mr Chris Smith, Mr Jim Pegg, Ms Sue Mott, Mr Ian Coxon, Mr Steven Downes, Mr Terry O'Connor, Miss Alison Turnbull, Miss Jayne Pearce, Miss Veronique Marot, Mr Frank Sando and Mr Sandy Sutherland.

Luncheons

Lord Mayor of Westminster
The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Mr Anthony Bianco gave a luncheon yesterday at City Hall in honour of the the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of London.

The Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers
The Right Hon Lord Walker of Worcester, Chairman of English Partnerships, was guest of honour at the annual luncheon of the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers, held yesterday at the Savoy Hotel, London. Mr John Chambers, President of the Society, was in the chair.

Appointment

Thorold Masefield to be High Commissioner to Nigeria in succession to Sir Christopher MacRae, who will be transferring to a new diplomatic service appointment.

University news

Manchester
Recent grants include:
British Heart Foundation
Dr A Cooper and Professor A M Heagerty, the effects of hypertension upon the growth, remodelling and functional activity of coronary small arteries, £78,114.
Dr G K Goode and Professor A M Heagerty, the effects of dietary marine fish oil supplementation on human small artery function in hyperlipidaemia and hypertension, £35,489.
ESRC
Professor P Halfpenny, Dr N Lee and Dr A M Jones, the determinants of individual giving and volunteering in UK, £28,120.
Sir Jules Thorn Charitable Trust
Dr E A Guthrie and Professor F Creed, psychological treatment of patients with functional dyspepsia, £79,992.
Leverhulme Trust
Professor D R Osborn, Mr A Trickett and Professor K Pease, modelling crime victimisation, £59,988.
MRC
Dr D Bristow, the role of glutamate receptor regulation and expression in protection against exitotoxin-induced neuronal death, £179,994.
Muscular Dystrophy Association
Dr J E Hewitt, Mapping of distal chromosome 4q35, the FSHD gene region, $159,183.
The Royal Society
Dr C G Bowsher, Pickering Research Fellowship: Heterotrophic ferredoxin - NADP+ oxidoreductase in *plant tissues*, £135,069.
SERC
Professor A Donnachie, Dr M C Birse and Dr J K Storrow, consolidated grant for theoretical nuclear and particle physics, £237,599.
Dr S High, a molecular analysis of the insertion of membrane proteins into the endoplasmic reticulum, £192,376.
Dr J J Miles, Dr E W Hill and Dr B K Middleton, ultra high density digital storage on high coercitivity films, £162,968.
Professor J W Mundy, plant gene *expression in response to* Gibberellin and its antagonist abscisic acid, £156,331.
Dr J G Baker, millimetre wave spectrometer for atmospheric gas analysis, £118,479.
Wellcome Trust
Professor N Tarrier, cognitive behavioural treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder, £237,482.
Professor M E Grant, involvement of thrombospondins in the control of angiogenesis, £124,381.

Forthcoming marriages

***Mr M.H.L. Adams* and Miss F.M. Montgomery**
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Adams, of Crowland, *Lincolnshire*, and Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Montgomery, of Grey Abbey, Co Down

Mr A.G. Fryatt and Miss J.M. Pook
The engagement is announced between Alexander, son of Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs G.A. Fryatt, of Episkopi, Cyprus, and Jennifer, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.J. Pook, of Reigate, Surrey.

Mr T.S. Harman and Miss G. Jacquin
The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs John Harman, of *Holmer Green, Buckinghamshire*, and Gabrielle, eldest daughter of M and Mme Michel Jacquin, of Penn, Buckinghamshire.

Mr T.A. Silvester and Miss J.K. Cowan
The engagement is announced between Thomas Anson, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Silvester, of Nairobi, Kenya, and Joanna Katherine, eldest daughter of Mr *Bryce Cowan, of Malindi*, and Mrs Andrea Cowan, of Kilifi, Kenya.

Mr R.M. Smith and Miss L.J. Cavanagh
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Ronald Smith, of Woking, Surrey, and Lisa, daughter of the late Ian Cavanagh and of Mrs Margaret Cavanagh, of Crathie, Aberdeenshire.

***Mr J.E.J. Viola* and Miss S.A. Viola**
The engagement is announced between Jason, son of Mr and Mrs Simon Viola, of Tadworth, and Sheila, daughter of Mrs Linda Viola, of Bedford, and Mr Peter Viola, of Warwick.

Marriages

Mr I.S. Eaton and Mrs N.J. Lomax
The marriage took place quietly on Friday, February 18, on the Isle of Wight, of Mr Iain Sutherland Eaton to Mrs Nicola Jane Lomax.

***Mr A.H.K. Edwards* and Mrs S.M. Smee**
A Service of Blessing took place on February 14, 1994, after the marriage of Mr Allan Edwards, of Newton Valence, Hampshire, to Mrs Susan Smee, of Wingfield, Wiltshire.

Dinners

John Carpenter Club
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, attended the annual dinner of the John Carpenter Club *held last night at the Mansion* House. Sir Neil Thorne, president, was in the chair. The Lord Mayor, the Dean of St Paul's and the Headmaster of the City of London School also spoke.

Chatham Dining Club
General Sir David Ramsbotham was the principal guest at a dinner of the Chatham Dining Club held last night at the St Ermin's Hotel. *Rear-Admiral Sir Jeremy Black* presided.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr George Nicholson, Chairman of the London Rivers Association, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the *Royal Over-Seas League held last* night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mrs Elizabeth Cresswell presided.

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Thus says the Lord, Isreal's Holy One, his Maker. Would you dare question me concerning my children, or instruct me in my handiwork?
Isaiah 45:11 (REB)

BIRTHS

CARNWATH - On February 8th at home, to Lindsey (née Jobbins) and Anthony, a son, *Sebastian James, a brother* for Alex, Hugo and Maisie.

CHIVERS - See Gibbs.

GEISSE - On February 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Karla and Thomas, a daughter, Kayleigh Marie, a sister for Regina, Richel, John Thomas and Karty.

GIBBS - On February 15th, at Guy's Hospital, to Joanna Chivers and Brian, twin sons, Benjamin Nathaniel David and Alexander William Thomas. Thank you Frances Evans.

GOLDSTEIN - On February 16th at The Portland Hospital, to Claudia and Anthony, a nosh of a daughter, Natasha Elisabeth.

HARRYMAN - On 19th *February, to Lindsay (née* Swan) and Bruce, a daughter, Naomi Rose.

HAWLEY - On February 18th, to Victoria (née Prideaux) and Charles, a daughter, Lucy Rosanna.

HYNARD - On February 17th, to Lynne and David, a daughter Rosemary Eleanor, a sister for Katie and Louise.

LEES-MILLAIS - On February 16th, to Fanny (née Tottenham) and Colin, a daughter, Sophie.

LEVART - On 16th February at The Portland Hospital, to Estelle (née Crozemarie) and Howard, a daughter, Anouska.

MADDOX - On February 19th, to Debrah (née Olde) and Jeremy, a beautiful daughter, Georgina Elizabeth.

MAGGISTRO - On February 11th at the Wellington Hospital, to Jay my loving husband and daughter Katarina and son Tino - a beautiful brother Valitino.

MURDOCH - On Friday 18th February 1994, to Ruth (née Bunbury) and Euan, a son, Hamish William James, a brother for Harriet and Charlotte.

NEWITT - On 21st February, to Sarah (née Burnham) and Charles, a daughter, Sophia, a sister for Olivia.

NOBLE - On 16th February 1994 at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Helen (née Judge) and Tim, a daughter, Lucinda Helen.

PAYNE - On February 19th 1994 at the Rosie Cambridge, to Sophie (née Skinner) and Michael, a son, Casper James MacLean, a welcome brother for Fergus and Hector.

BIRTHS

STANFORD-BEALE - On February 19th at The Portland Hospital, to Jane (née Goldfinch) and Tony, a son, James, a brother for David.

STOCKDALE - On 17th *February 1994, at Stockport*, to Melanie (née Benson) and David, a daughter, Bridget Claudia, a sister for William, Verity and Grace.

WOOLDRIDGE - On February 18th, to Sarah (née Lovell) and Nick, a daughter, Eleanor Charlotte, a sister for Rosemary and Harriet.

MARRIAGES

OAKLEY:WELD - On 18th February 1994, in Guernsey, Tim and Netty.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

WRIGHT:DUDLEY - On 22nd February 1944 at Cairo Cathedral, Leo to Marjory. Now at Green Lane, Temple Ewell, Dover.

DEATHS

ADAMS - (Liliane) Nancy, née Laurier, on 16th February 1994, aged 84, in Gartnavel General Hospital, Glasgow, after a short illness. Formerly of Pax Hill Education Centre, Bentley, Hampshire. Beloved sister of Nell: devoted wife of the late Kenneth Adams; much loved *and loving mother of Alison*, mother-in-law of Stephen Rawles, grandmother of Richard and Marianne; friend and listener to many. Funeral at Clydebank Crematorium at 2.30 pm on *Wednesday 23rd February*. Donations if desired to Oxfam.

ANDREWS - Emily of Badby, Northants., peacefully after a short illness at the *Northampton General* Hospital on 19th February. Wife of the late Canon Donald Finch Andrews. Requiem Mass at Kings Sutton Parish Church on Friday 25th February at *11.15 am, followed by* cremation at the Counties Crematorium, Northampton at 1 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired for the Church of England Children's Society c/o J & M Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury OX16 8DG. tel: (0295) 265424.

ANSELL - On February 17th 1994, peacefully, aged 88 years, Colonel Sir Michael Picton Ansell CBE, DSO, DL, husband of the late Victoria and the late Eileen, greatly loved and respected father, stepfather and grandfather. *Family funeral at St Peter's* Church, Westleigh, at 3 pm on Saturday 26th February. Service of Thanksgiving at St Michael's Church, Chester Square, London SW1 on Monday 11th April at 3 pm. Family flowers only, but donations if wished to St Peter's Church Westleigh, The Rectory, Quay Lane, Instow, Devon EX39 4JR.

ASSHETON - Nicholas Master, on Sunday February 20th, at home, Donhead, aged 88. Funeral 12 noon, Donhead St Andrew, Friday 25th February. Memorial Service at St Mark's, Bilton, Rugby, to be arranged.

BELL - *Brigadier Geoffrey* Basil Bell C.B.E., peacefully at his home on Monday 21st February. Much loved husband of Coralie and father to Christopher, Phillipa and Jackie. Devoted stepfather to Patrick, Nigel and Stephen and to all his grandchildren and step-grandchildren. Funeral Service at 2.15 pm on Friday February 25th at St Denys' Church in Standford Dingley, Berks. Enquiries to Geoffrey Church and Co., Churchgate, Broadway, Thatcham, Berks, tel: (0635) 868444.

BROWN - On February 20th, peacefully at home in Leeds, aged 90 years, Ronald Eric *Clayton FCIB. The funeral* service and committal will take place at St Edmund's Church, Leeds 8, on Friday 25th February at 1 pm prior to private cremation. Family flowers only please, donations would be welcome to the Zululand, Swaziland Association, c/o William Dodgson & Son, Lupton Avenue, Leeds LS9 6EQ.

CAUTLEY - On February 6th 1994, *John Medwin Cautley*, beloved husband of Gloria and much loved father of Tara, Mark and Paul and grandfather of Timothy. Funeral Service has taken place at St George's R.C. *Church*, Taunton, on February 11th. Donations if desired to The British Heart Foundation.

COOPER - Pamela Elizabeth (née Baynton), much beloved wife of Bob, mother of Trevor, Paul and Jane, mother-in-law of Gill, Dan and Amanda, grandmother to Daisy, Charlie and Harry. Passed away peacefully at home on Saturday 19th February after a long illness. No flowers please. Donations to Wallingford Oxfam Shop.

COURTENAY HOOD - On February 19th 1994, *Major* Francis Alan Walter Courtenay Hood - late KOSB passed away. Previously of Zimbabwe, Otford and Knockholt. Devoted husband of the late Jean and father to *Louise and Sally* and grandfather of Thomas, George, Isobel, Clementine and Cicely. Much loved and greatly missed. Funeral St Michael's, Chart Sutton, at 2.30 pm on Friday 25th February followed by cremation at Charing. Family flowers only please but donations if desired to Cancer Research c/o Viner, 54 High Street, West Malling, Kent.

CURR - Duncan James, MB, *BS; MRCGP; DRCOG; DCH;* DTM&H. In South Africa on 9th February aged 31, following a road accident. Dearly loved son of William and Jean, brother of Ishbel, best friend of Mimi, grandson, nephew and cousin. A very special person to everyone who knew him. All friends welcome at a Service of Thanksgiving for Duncan's life at 2 pm on Saturday 26th February at St Peter's Parish Church, *Harborne, Birmingham 17*. Family flowers only. Any donations in lieu will be shared between Mosvold Hospital (South Africa) and St Peter's Restoration Appeal and should be sent (payable to "Duncan Curr Memorial Fund") to Ishbel Curr, 44 Chapel Lane, Lichfield, Staffs. WS14 9BQ.

DILLON WESTON - Rosemarie, on February 15th, of Malvern. Funeral *Service at Worcester Crematorium* on Monday February 28th at 10 am. Flowers to Holland Funeral Services, Malvern. (0684) 575343.

GOMER - On 15th February, John William, beloved *husband of* Joan. Poppa of Diane and Sally. Sadly missed.

GREENWOOD - On February 18th 1994, Geoffrey Martin, beloved husband of Ann and father of John, Alan, Victoria and Charles and much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at Aldershot Crematorium on Friday February 25th at 3.30 pm. No flowers. Donations if *desired to Phyllis Tuckwell* Memorial Hospice c/o Thorne-Leggett, Petersfield Road, Whitehill, Bordon, GU35 9AR.

HERVEY - On 17th February 1994, *peacefully at the* Priscilla Bacon Lodge, Norwich, Hope Marian, of Little Dunham, Norfolk, aged 84 years. Dearly loved widow of Keith Hervey and a beloved mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral private.

HOGG - On February 18th 1994, peacefully at Rake House Nursing Home, Liss, Bruce Jefferson, aged 70. Funeral Service at Guildford Crematorium on Thursday March 3rd at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only.

HOOPER - On February 19th, in hospital, Sir Leonard James Hooper (Joe). Funeral Service at Cheltenham Crematorium on Monday February 28th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations for Victim Support may be sent to Selim Smith & Co., 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham.

HOWARD - On February 17th in Richmond, Barrington Stockwell, in his 88th year. Dearly loved by his family. Funeral Service Friday 25th February 1 pm East Sheen Cemetery. Flowers or enquiries to Holmes & Sons. tel: (081) 744-1125.

HUGHES - R.H.F. (Harry) at St Giles R.H., Lancing, Sussex, suddenly on Ash Wednesday, after 25 years as a paraplegic, nobly borne. Beloved son of the late Lt. Comdr. R.W. Hughes (Bobby) and Peta of Linchmere and much loved brother of Veronica, Tessa and Julia. Dearly loved uncle and friend to so many who admired him. Requiem Mass at Church of the Holy Family, Lancing, at 2 pm on 24th February. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to St Giles, Elm Grove, Lancing. Enquiries to H.D. Tribe Ltd., tel: (0903) 753184.

ILES - On 18th February, at his home in Beckington, Somerset, Christopher David, aged 53, after a long illness borne with great courage, with his warrior wife, Trudi beside him all the way. He was a loving and devoted father to his two sons, Adrian and Justin and an inspiration, mentor and friend to so many around the world. All are invited to a gathering around Chris at *Beckington Village Church* at 4 pm on Friday 25th February. Offerings, if desired, to the Dorothy House Foundation, Bath.

JOSCELYNE - Vera aged 96 died on 20th February at Sutton Veny, near Warminster, after a short illness. Late of Donhead St Mary, Shaftesbury. Jos taught Classics at Benenden and Clayesmore Schools. Much loved by family and friends. Funeral Service on Thursday 24th February at 2pm at Donhead St Andrew, followed by committal at Donhead St Mary. Donations to RSPCA via G.E. Johnson & Son, Funeral Directors, Shaftesbury SP7 8JF.

KEMPE - On February 18th in The Nuffield Hospital, Hove, Ernest Donald aged 85 years. Dearly loved husband of Mary, loving father of Anne and Richard and grandfather of Christopher, John, Tamsin, Samantha and *Philippa. Service on Monday* 28th February, Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton at 11.45 am. Family flowers only. Donations may be sent to the British Heart Foundation c/o Attree & Kent, 108 Church Road, Hove, East Sussex BN3 2EB. tel: (0273) 821985.

KENCHINGTON - On 10th February 1994, suddenly at his home in Suva, Fiji, Dr William Kenchington, aged 56, of the School of Pure and Applied Sciences, University of the South Pacific. The funeral has taken place in Fiji: if desired, donations in his memory to the Cardiac Unit Trust, c/o Mrs Jones, *Kent and Canterbury* Hospital, Canterbury, CT1 3NG.

KNIGHT - On February 20th peacefully at Duke of Kent Court, Chislehurst, Derrick Vaughan Knight MBE, *FRPS, aged 74, dearly loved* husband of Jane and father of Simon and Mark, beloved grandfather of Charity, Charles and James. Funeral Service at East Chapel, Croydon Crematorium, Mitcham Road, Croydon, on Thursday 24th February at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund c/o J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon CR0 1LD.

LAWRENCE - On February 18th, peacefully at Amesbury Abbey, Gillian Winifred, aged 84. Wife of the late Brigadier Roderick Gwynne Lawrence O.B.E. and dearly loved mother of *Annabel, Sandra and* Gwynne. Funeral Service at Salisbury Crematorium on February 24th at 9.45 am. Enquiries to Gerald Burden, Funeral Director, Church Street, Amesbury, tel: (0980) 623262.

MacLAREN - On 17th February, peacefully in Hermanus, South Africa, Edna Frances, widow of Archie and much loved aunt and great-aunt.

NEVILLE - On February 19th, peacefully at The Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed, Henley-on-Thames, Connie, widow of Ronald, much loved mother of Helen, Christopher and Robert, *mother-in-law to* Michael, Jane and Susann and grandmother of Stephen, Gavin, James, David, Richard and Mark. Private family funeral. Donations if desired to The Hon. Treasurer, The Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed, Oxon., RG9 5DF.

PERRY - On February 19th, Elliot Gordon Perry, aged 84, much loved father of David, Bridget, Robert and Andrew and stepfather of Emma and Fanny. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service for all friends and *family at All Saints Church*, Kemble, on Tuesday 8th March at 2.30 pm. No flowers but donations if desired, may be sent to Sue Ryder Home, Cheltenham.

PINHARD - On February 19th 1994, peacefully at Ibridge Place, Marjorie Winifred, dearly loved wife of the late Frederick Pinhard and much loved mother of Jane and grandmother of George, Emily, Edward and Richard. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Salehurst, on Friday 25th February at 10.30 am. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to 'Cancer Research' may be forwarded to C. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Burwash, East Sussex, tel: (0435) 882219.

PLENDERLEITH - On Sunday 20th February, Flt. Lt. Barry Plenderleith, loving husband and father died peacefully. *"The rock of our family"*. A Memorial Service is to be held at St Peter's and St Paul's Church, Thruxton, nr. Andover, Hants. on Thursday 24th February at 3 pm. Donations would be welcome for Cancer Research and the British Heart Foundation c/o Guy Plenderleith, 6 Crown Street, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 1QX.

POLLOCK - On February 17th 1994, Brian Treherne Pollock (Paddy), aged 85. Dearly loved by his wife Eve and by his sons and grandchildren. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium, Roehampton Vale, SW15, at 3pm Monday 28th February.

RICHARDS - Derek Gordon, February 18th 1994, Canon of Bangor Cathedral, Vicar of Caerhun, with Llangelynnin, and Rector of Llanbedr-y-Cennin, aged 62 years. Much loved son of Mrs Mabel *Williamson*, brother and brother-in-law of Rosalie and Brian Hayward, and uncle of David, Mark and Clive Hayward. Requiem Mass at St Mary's Church, Caerhun, nr. Conwy, on Monday 28th *February at 12.15 pm* followed by committal at Colwyn Bay Crematorium at 2 pm. Final interment of ashes in the churchyard of Llangelynnin Old Church, at a later date. Clergy are *invited to robe, black or* purple stoles. May he rest in peace. No flowers, but donations in memory to be shared between the two Parishes. Further enquiries to A.C. Lambert & Son, Funeral Directors, 22 High Street, Conwy, Gwynedd. Tel: (0492) 581072.

RICHNELL - Donovan Thomas, on *February 18th* 1994, dear husband of Norma and much loved father of Claire and Peter. Cremation private, no flowers but donations if desired to Friends of the Earth, 26 Underwood Street, London N17 7JQ. Memorial gathering to be announced.

ROBINSON - On February 18th 1994, peacefully at his home, John Stuart Robinson M.A., C.Eng., *husband of* Frieda, father of Andrew and Rebekah, grandfather of David, Andrew, Laura, Anna and Jessica. Much loved by all. Family funeral. Service of Thanksgiving at St Laurence Church, Warborough, Oxon., on Tuesday March 8th at 12 noon. Donations, if desired, for Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford, please.

SAMPSON - Canon Frank on February 17th 1994, Vicar of St John's Church, Tuebrook from 1946, passed peacefully away fortified with the rites of the Holy Church, reception into St John's Church, Tuebrook, on Tuesday February 22nd at 7.30pm. High Mass of Requiem on Thursday February 24th at 12.30pm, followed by committal at Anfield Crematorium at 2.30pm. No flowers by request, donations in lieu to Canon Sampson Memorial Fund c/o St John's Vicarage, Green Lane, Liverpool L13 7EA. Further enquiries to Thompson Funeral Service, (051) 228-3885.

SCRAFTON - Philip, aged 30, peacefully, after a bravely borne illness on 17th February. Service Thursday 24th February at Manor Park Crematorium at 10.30am. Donations to the Terrence Higgins Trust.

STUNT - On February 18th 1994, peacefully at Upleatham House, Chelmsford, where for *almost three years she had* been lovingly cared for, Christina Dorothea Loftus (née Fieldstrom) aged 82 years, sometime also of Wandsworth, Twickenham and Sevenoaks. Widow of *Francis* Felkin, Solicitor of Chelmsford and City of London, beloved and loving mother of Philip, Judith, Christopher, Timothy and Sally and loved by her twelve grandchildren. Funeral and Thanksgiving Service to be held at Christ Church, New London Road, Chelmsford, on Monday 28th February at 11 am followed by private burial. Enquires and letters to *Baker's Funeral Service*, Eves Corner, Danbury, Essex CM3 4QB tel (0245) 226876.

STAVELEY - Drina *(Alexandra)* on *February* 19th 1994, aged 83, after a short illness borne with characteristic dignity and humour. No flowers by personal request but donations can be made to the RSPB for the Mersehead Farm Nature Reserve Project. Funeral on Friday 25th February 2.20pm at Canford Crematorium, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol. Any enquiries tel: (0272) 743285.

TEDDER - Peacefully at Stratheden Hospital, Cupar, on February 18th 1994, Emeritus Professor The Lord Tedder (John) of St Andrews. Dearly beloved husband of Peggy, much loved father of Robin, Andrew and Anne. Dear grandfather of Ben, Chris, Jackie and Jade and brother *of Mina and Richard*. Funeral private. A Service of Thanksgiving at St Salvator's Chapel, North Street, St Andrews, on Friday February 25th at 2 pm. No flowers please, donations for Alzheimers Research to Macgregors Funeral Services, 56 Largo Road, St Andrews, KY16 8RP.

WAINWRIGHT - Irene (Terri), on 19th February 1994 peacefully at the Brompton Hospital. A lovely lady who will be sadly missed. Love Michael, Jean, Joe and her loving family in Leeds.

WALLACE - Monica (Myke), on 18th February, in *Odstock Hospital, after many* years of suffering, wife of Alan, mother of Andrew, David and Vivien, grandmother of Victoria, Jenny, Graham and Thomas. Cremation at Salisbury *Crematorium, 12.45 pm on* Friday 25th February. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Star and Garter Home or National Osteoporosis Society c/o D.K. Shergold, 159-161 Fisherton Street, Salisbury.

WARD - On February 15th, *suddenly, at the General* Hospital, Cheltenham, Sister Mary de Sales, former Principal of L.S.U. College of Higher Education, Southampton. Funeral Mass at Sacred Hearts Church, Charlton Kings, on Wednesday 23rd at 11.30 am. May she rest in peace.

WARTON - On February *19th 1994, peacefully at* Wray Common Nursing Home, Reigate, Surrey. Joseph Warton aged 86, dearly loved husband of Lilian, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Retired Financial Director of the Granada Group. Funeral Service at the Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Thursday February 24th at 3pm. Family flowers only. Donations to The John Charnley Trust may be sent c/o Stoneman Funeral Service, Doran Court, Redhill.

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OBITUARIES

COLONEL SIR MICHAEL ANSELL

Colonel Sir Michael Ansell, CBE, DSO, DL, Chairman, British Show Jumping Association, 1945-64, and President of St Dunstan's, 1977-86, died on February 17 aged 88. He was born on March 26, 1905.



"MIKE" ANSELL was one of those rare people of achievement who are not only respected but loved. His passion for international equestrian sports led to British riders enjoying a golden age of international success that went on for more than 40 years. He galvanised them into winning five Olympic gold medals and a whole clutch of silver ones. Prince Philip who was involved closely with him for years, once said of him: "His passion for anything to do with horses and his talent for organisation lifted horse shows and equestrian sport to a remarkable level in this mechanical age."

Tall, sparse and ramrod straight, Ansell was quietly spoken, sometimes blunt; he would suffer fools but never gladly. There was an inner steel about him which allowed him to cope with disasters seemingly without much effort. Despite being blinded, at the age of 35 in the Second World War, he successfully managed several careers afterwards. As well as being chairman of the British Show Jumping Association, he was chairman of the council of the British Horse Society and show director of the Royal International and Horse of the Year shows. He was appointed to the council of St Dunstan's in 1958, becoming vice-chairman in 1975 and president in 1977, from which post he only finally retired in 1986. Even more remarkably, he found the time to write three books — his autobiography *Soldier On* (1973), *Riding High* (1974), about show jumping, and *Leopard: The Story of My Horse* (1974), a memoir of the horse that had served him faithfully before the Second World War.

Michael Picton Ansell was educated at St Michael's, Westgate-on-Sea, Wellington and the RMC Sandhurst where he won the Saddle of Honour. He was a late starter, not excelling until he was interested. His mother, widowed when her husband Lieutenant-Colonel George Ansell was killed when leading the 5th Royal Dragoon Guards in the early weeks of the First World War, wrote to one headmaster: "Isn't there any master man enough to make Mike work?" Her son paid the price. An extra on his mother's next bill: "To one birch. Ten shillings."

Ansell was only nine when his father died but knew him well. As a lad he had "followed the drum" to six of his father's postings, including India and Ireland. Years later he would say that his father taught him two particular things — "how to be a fine polo player and a terrific worker". At 16 he considered becoming an engineer "and making lots of money". But visits to the riding school of the 5th Inniskilling Dragoon Guards at Colchester with his guardian, Colonel V. D. S. ("Pudding") Williams — a great force in the horse world — resulted in his choosing the Army instead.

He was commissioned into the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards in 1924. It was the heyday of life for cavalry officers: postings round the world reached slowly by ship, grand balls, and extensive sporting opportunities. When Ansell was posted to Bangalore with the "Skins" a fellow officer brought along a private pack of foxhounds to hunt jackal.

Ansell was a born horseman and, with the thoroughness that was so characteristic of him, trained to be a superb competitor. It was a measure of his horsemanship that he did not need a good horse to win. The troop horse, Leopard, about whom he wrote 40 years later and on whom he won a number of steeplechases, had been found trotting along "at the back of a tinker's car in York looking awful". He had been bought for £20.

Inevitably, there was ordinary soldiering as well. Manoeuvres were Ansell's favourite activity as they provided that challenge which was essential to him. Once, in disguise, he spent a weekend in a punt on the Basingstoke canal, noting the depth of water for more than a mile. As a result, capturing some treasure from the 7th Hussars on the opposite bank became a mere formality. However, results were sometimes mixed. When ordered to take a patrol on the Sussex Downs to harass an infantry brigade, the brigadier's tent was let down together with several tents reckoned to contain his staff, but actually belonging to sleeping Girl Guides. A subsequent supply of chocolates made the girls very happy but the brigadier (whose brigade had a reputation for laziness) was furious about *his* tent. The divisional commander, General Sir Archibald Wavell (later Field Marshal Earl Wavell) had the last word: "Successful on all counts."

The Inniskillings were among the first troops dispatched to France in September 1939. The commanding officer, Colonel Jack Anstice, went ahead to Avonmouth to arrange embarkation leaving Ansell behind to bring the regiment. He left Colchester at the head of the column in a light tank. In the previous few days he had learnt how to drive it and fire its guns.

When the shooting war started in May 1940, Ansell was in command of the Lothian and Border Yeomanry, part of the 51st Highland Division. He found the situation "chaotic" with the Germans driving swiftly forward through Belgium and British troops having no effective answer to enemy dive-bombers. Even when communications worked, the orders were often confused and contradictory — most efforts being bent on getting the British Expeditionary Force evacuated safely.

After Dunkirk, the Highland Division was ordered to fall back on St Valéry for evacuation. They got there but there were no ships. The rescuing flotilla was waiting six miles up the coast. General Sir Victor Fortune ordered the surrender for 6am the following morning. Ansell and two companions, soaked from heavy rain, decided to shelter in a farmyard loft for a few hours. Soon bullets were coming through the floor, the door was burst open and the loft was raked by small arms fire. Harry Younger was killed, Lord Hopetoun (now the Marquess of Linlithgow) was hit in the leg. Ansell was hit in the head, blinded and had four fingers of his left hand hanging off. These were later amputated in a German field hospital.

The tragedy was that it was the work of British forces, wrongly informed by the French in the farmhouse that they believed that there were Germans in the loft. According to Major-General Nicholas Ansell: "My father used to condemn his judgment for going into the loft, but he never complained about being blind and was never bitter about it."

In 1944 he was repatriated, after four years as a PoW ("the worst possible fate for a professional soldier") and determined to be a market gardener. Sir Ian Fraser (later Lord Fraser of Lonsdale), the blind MP and pillar of St Dunstan's, was inspired by Ansell's determination to cope with blindness, and arranged for him to study horticulture at Reading University.

Meanwhile his wife Victoria found the ideal place, Pillhead House in Devon — where he was to live for 50 years — with its soil and climate perfect for the early spring flower market. Her husband would clear away nettles and weeds and then plant for hours on his hands and knees. He used a bleater and line, the bleater pipping away like a bell buoy to give him bearings. Snowdrops were grown, picked by Ansell and bunched by his wife, to sell at the local market at 8p a bunch. Later blue polyanthuses were dispatched to Covent Garden market and white delphiniums sent to West End florists.

As always, Ansell wanted to compete. He set off for the Royal Horticultural Society show in Vincent Square but found there something less than a welcome. The RHS secretary enquired how the flowers would be exhibited. "In jam jars," said Ansell. "We've brought lots of jam jars." Retorted the secretary: "Jam jars are not allowed in the precincts of the Royal Horticultural Society." Nevertheless the flowers won a RHS Certificate of Commendation. The flowers were gerbas, a pretty daisy-type flower grown from seeds Sir Ian Fraser had sent from the Transvaal. After a few years of improvement — the gerbas were not easy to grow — the next stop was the Chelsea Flower Show. There they won the coveted RHS Silver Medal. Visiting admirers included Queen Mary and the Queen Mother.

But by then the other side of Ansell's life had already opened up. In 1945 the British Show Jumping Association, after an agonised discussion behind closed doors, elected him chairman by one vote. Their anxiety was whether a blind man could do the job. Nobody envisaged that he was to lead British equestrian sports into a record of success that lasted decades.

The first organisation to feel his impact was the Fédération Equestre Internationale, the world governing body of the sport. Ansell could see that equestrianism was about to explode and he wanted participation to be opened up to everybody including women. The FEI was aghast. In those days it was an antique body consisting largely of Russian and Eastern European generals together with the nobility of Western Europe, each devoted to one thing — the maintenance of the status quo.

Ansell wanted the abolition of the rule that only "gentlemen of good breeding and high social status" could represent their country in equestrian sports. It took some time but eight years later all the restrictions were gone. (Subsequently, with Prince Philip in the chair, Ansell was asked to devise rules for international carriage driving. This time, where Ansell led others followed quietly.)

After the Second World War he restarted the Royal International Horse Show, moving it from Olympia to White City. Loss-making at first, it was attracting audiences of 80,000 by the mid-1950s, getting its biggest boost after 1952 when Colonel Sir Harry Llewellyn on Foxhunter and his team won gold medals at that year's Helsinki Olympic Games.

In 1949, the year of his seventh and last major operation as doctors tried vainly to restore a flicker of sight, he launched a new venture, the Horse of the Year Show, then at Harringay Arena and later to transfer to Wembley. The day before its first opening Ansell himself took to the streets of this deprived area of London selling tickets. Then as the show's stewards arrived, ready with dinner jackets to preside over the main arena and enjoy a good dinner afterwards, they, too, were sent out on the same mission.

Ansell used to like to tell a story about a dinner party after one show given at Claridge's for the Queen and Prince Philip. The main course was partridge. The Queen took his plate and started cutting up the meat, saying: "Don't worry, Mike, I was doing this for my corgis at lunchtime today."

Ansell was knighted in 1968, having been appointed CBE in 1951. In addition to his DSO, awarded in 1944 after his repatriation, he held decorations from Belgium and the Federal Republic of Germany. In 1977 the International Olympic Committee awarded him its silver medal.

He was married twice, first to Victoria (née Fuller) in 1937 who died in 1968 and then in 1970 to Eileen (née Stanton) widow of Major-General Roger Evans, MC, who died in a car crash nine months later. By his first marriage he had three children, the oldest of whom, Major-General Nicholas Ansell commanded the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, and the 20th Armoured Brigade.

SIR MAXWELL ENTWISTLE

Sir Maxwell Entwistle, solicitor and Liverpool city councillor, 1938-63, died on February 10 aged 84. He was born on January 8, 1910.



MAXWELL ENTWISTLE was the leader of Liverpool City Council from 1961 to 1963 at a time when the Conservatives were enjoying their silver age in Merseyside politics. There were then six Conservative MPs representing Liverpool out of a total of nine constituencies. Now there are none.

As the leader of the Conservative group from 1956, Entwistle tried to steer clear of the old religious conflicts that had characterised the city's politics since the days of the legendary Alderman Salvidge. The former Orange v Green embers were dying but by no means dead when he first came onto the scene but it was always Entwistle's aim to co-operate with anyone who would work for the good of the city as a whole. He got on particularly well with his immediate predecessor as council leader, Alderman Jack Braddock (husband of the Labour MP, Bessie Braddock). Together Jack Braddock and Entwistle ensured that Ford came to Halewood in the early 1960s, and, as council leader, Entwistle also played an influential part in ensuring that Littlewoods did not move out of the city.

Housing and slum clearance were two issues at the top of his agenda. Liverpool had still barely recovered from the beating it took during the war, and its problems were exacerbated by the absence of any really comprehensive rebuilding scheme for the city centre. As leader of the council, Entwistle personally appointed independent consultants to get on with the job. Most of their proposals were carried through in the 1960s, though Entwistle was always disappointed that later councils never built the proposed inner city ring road. He pushed on with a slum-clearance programme in the old parts of the city and encouraged a policy of dispersal to the surrounding New Towns. A 22-storey block of flats in Toxteth was built and named, in his honour "Entwistle Heights". (It was popularly known as "Maxwell House" and later demolished.) Entwistle stepped down from the council in 1963, after 25 years service. He was knighted that year.

John Nuttall Maxwell Entwistle was born near Bolton but the family moved to Wallasey when he was seven. His father had made a fortune with his Entwistle's All-in-One dog biscuit and Maxwell was educated at Merchant Taylors', Great Crosby, where he was a moderate scholar and a good cross-country runner. In 1926 he was articled to a solicitor in Liverpool. He qualified with honours at the young age of 21, and became a partner in Fee, French and Entwistle in 1934, setting up his own practice in 1940. In 1944 he was called up for service in the Royal Navy. (He loved the sea despite the fact that he had seen a ship torpedoed in the Liverpool docks towards the end of the First World War.)

Demobilised in 1946, he returned to his practice which soon began to flourish. In the 1960s the firm started the then innovative policy of opening solicitors' branch offices on the outskirts of Liverpool, in recognition of the increasingly wide spread of population.

Entwistle's career in local politics complemented his success as a solicitor. He was first elected as a councillor, for the ward of Low Hill, in 1938, was made leader of the Conservative group in 1956 and leader of the council in 1961. He retired from civic politics after Labour regained control of the city in 1963 and for the next eight years devoted his energies to the Edge Hill Liverpool Conservative Association. As its president from 1963 to 1971, he was on the committee which selected the 25-year-old Michael Howard (now Home Secretary) as its parliamentary candidate in 1966, despite a lack of enthusiasm from Conservative Central Office. Howard visited him only a few days before he died.

In 1973 Entwistle left Merseyside and retired to Sedbergh, Cumbria, where he served on the county council from 1979 to 1983. His wife Jean, whom he married in 1940, died last December and he is survived by their two sons.

TIANA LEMNITZ

Tiana Lemnitz, German soprano, died on February 5 aged 96. She was born at Metz, in Lorraine, on October 26, 1897.



Tiana Lemnitz as Octavian in *Der Rosenkavalier* in a 1936 production at the Royal Opera House

ONE of the most admired of German lyric sopranos during the 1930s and 1940s, Tiana Lemnitz had a soft-grained, ethereal voice that lent her interpretations of certain roles in the German repertory a peculiarly rapt, otherworldly purity.

She studied in Metz, then a city of the German Empire, and, after the First World War, at Frankfurt. She made her debut at Heilbronn in 1921, before thoroughly learning her craft at Aachen from 1922 to 1929, after which she spent five years at Hanover. It was there that her voice began to attract wider recognition, and she began to make appearances abroad. But for the most part she remained faithful to the Berlin State Opera, where she sang for the years 1936-1955.

During that time she sang all the leading lyric roles from Pamina to Sieglinde, including the *Trovatore* Leonora, Aida, Jenufa, and some Russian parts. In *Der Rosenkavalier* she progressed from being an almost ideal Octavian to a moving Marschallin.

She first appeared at Covent Garden in 1936 as Octavian and as Eva in a *Die Meistersinger* conducted by Beecham. She repeated these roles, and added Sieglinde (in a *Die Walküre* conducted by Furtwängler), Elsa in *Lohengrin* and Pamina in *The Magic Flute*, both with Beecham. At about the same time she recorded the last-named part with Beecham in Berlin in a set of the opera that is still in the catalogue. Her discs of arias from *Otello* and *Figaro* have also achieved lasting recognition.

In the lieder field she has left reminders of her excellent Wolf interpretations and of her refined reading of Wagner's Wesendonck songs, but her singing is perhaps best remembered by her Agathe in *Der Freischütz*, where her exquisitely floated phrases in the third act prayer, sung in an effortless *mezza-voce*, are supported by seemingly endless reserves of breath.

There was occasionally a tendency to attack notes from below and, in later years, a pronounced tremolo, but these seldom detracted from the gentleness and inwardness of her singing.

After retiring from the stage, she taught in Berlin.

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GERMAN BOMBS ON ESSEX

AEROPLANES OVER COLCHESTER

An enemy aeroplane appeared over Essex last night and dropped a bomb near some cottages in Butt-road, Colchester. Butt-road is a working-class district situated near the barracks. Happily no damage was done. Owing to the great height at which the machine travelled, it was impossible to see it, but the noise of its propellers was distinctly audible at 8.40 p.m. Although not formally called upon, the special constabulary of the neighbourhood mobilized at nearly full strength. The aircraft was also reported to have been to Braintree and Coggeshall, west of Colchester, where a second bomb is reported to have been dropped. When last heard of the aeroplane was apparently making for Harwich and the sea.

COLCHESTER, SUNDAY.

Shortly before 9 o'clock Quartermaster-sergeant Radjohn, of the 20th Hussars, was sitting in his house in Butt-road, Colchester, with his wife, and was just about to begin supper, when there was a terrific explosion at the back of the house. Mr. Radjohn's first thought was for his child, a baby a few months old, which was asleep in the bedroom upstairs. He rushed up and found that although the room had been partially wrecked, the child was sleeping peacefully, unharmed. The house was riddled with fragments of shell, and much damage was done to the furniture. A corrugated iron shed in the back garden was practically torn to pieces, and débris was flung in all directions. Every pane of glass in Mr. Radjohn's house was broken, and the windows in the adjoining houses also were cracked or blown out. Happily, however, there was no loss of life, and no personal injury of any kind. Fragments of the bomb were collected at quite a considerable distance from the spot at which it must have struck the ground. The people of Colchester kept remarkably cool, and half an hour or so after the explosion had startled the town boys were parading the streets singing comic songs about Germany.

THE VISIT TO BRAINTREE

A Braintree correspondent states that an enemy aircraft of some description passed over Braintree not long after 8 last night. Fortunately only a very few of the inhabitants of Braintree knew at the moment that any such event had happened. The noise of the propellers was not very audible, although many people seem to have heard it. The few who really had the passage of the aircraft deeply impressed on their minds were those in the region where a bomb was dropped from it.

A later message states that three bombs were dropped at Braintree and one at Coggeshall which made a hole in the ground 8ft. by 2ft. The noise of the propellers was heard at Bradfield, near Manningtree, and the aeroplane was apparently heading towards the sea.

ON THIS DAY

February 22 1915

Air attacks were in their infancy in the first year of the Kaiser's War. The first recorded "visit" by an enemy aircraft was near Dover on Christmas Eve, 1914. A week before this latest report, two German airships, returning from a raid on the Norfolk coast, sank off Denmark.

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THE TIMES TODAY TUESDAY FEBRUARY 22 1994

NEWS

Big defeat for hanging lobby

■ A series of miscarriages of justice in recent years appeared to lie behind the biggest Commons rejection for the return of the death penalty since its abolition 28 years ago.

In a marked shift against the pro-hanging lobby, capital punishment for murder was rejected by 244. In a separate vote, the imposition of the death penalty for the murder of policemen was rejected by 197 votes. Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, cited fear of wrongful conviction as the main reason for opposing restoration .....Page 1

Honda still locked in Rover deal

■ Honda will remain locked into a partnership deal with Rover worth £400 million a year despite the Japanese company's decision to abandon its financial stake in the British car maker. It has commitments for six years .....Page 1

Muslim attack

Muslim forces are likely to intensify the war in Bosnia, as they scent growing rivalry between the US and Russia ..... Pages 1, 15

Heath hurt

Sir Edward Heath received a slight head injury after being knocked down by his chauffeur-driven car on the tarmac at Heathrow ..... Page 1

Tory defeat

The House of Lords dealt a new blow to Michael Howard's Police and Magistrates Courts Bill when a rebel Tory amendment on disciplinary procedures was passed ..... Page 1

Commando raid

Pakistani commandos stormed the Afghan embassy in Islamabad in a hail of gunfire, killing three Afghan gunmen who had been holding five schoolboys and a teacher hostage ..... Pages 1, 12

Wellcome news

An American study showed that Wellcome's contoversial AZT drug cuts the risk of transmission of HIV from pregnant mothers to their babies ..... Page 1

Scott enquiry

Gagging orders signed by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, did not prejudice the defendants in the Matrix Churchill trial. Lord Justice Scott's enquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair was told ..... Page 2

Bruising mistake

Social workers apologised to loving parents wrongly suspected of abusing their daughter after a doctor mistook ink stains for bruises ..... Page 3

Sea birds mystery

The deaths of more than 50,000 seabirds off northeast Britain may have been caused by a famine brought about by factory fishing for sand-eels ..... Page 3

Church lock up

Security seminars for the clergy are being held by an insurance company in an effort to stem thefts from churches ..... Page 6

Leasehold reform

The Leasehold Reform Act, which angered freeholders, has proved a disappointment ..... Page 11

Spy complaint

Two former intelligence officers said that the Australian Secret Intelligence Service has in effect been run by MI6 ..... Page 12

Plea to Zulus

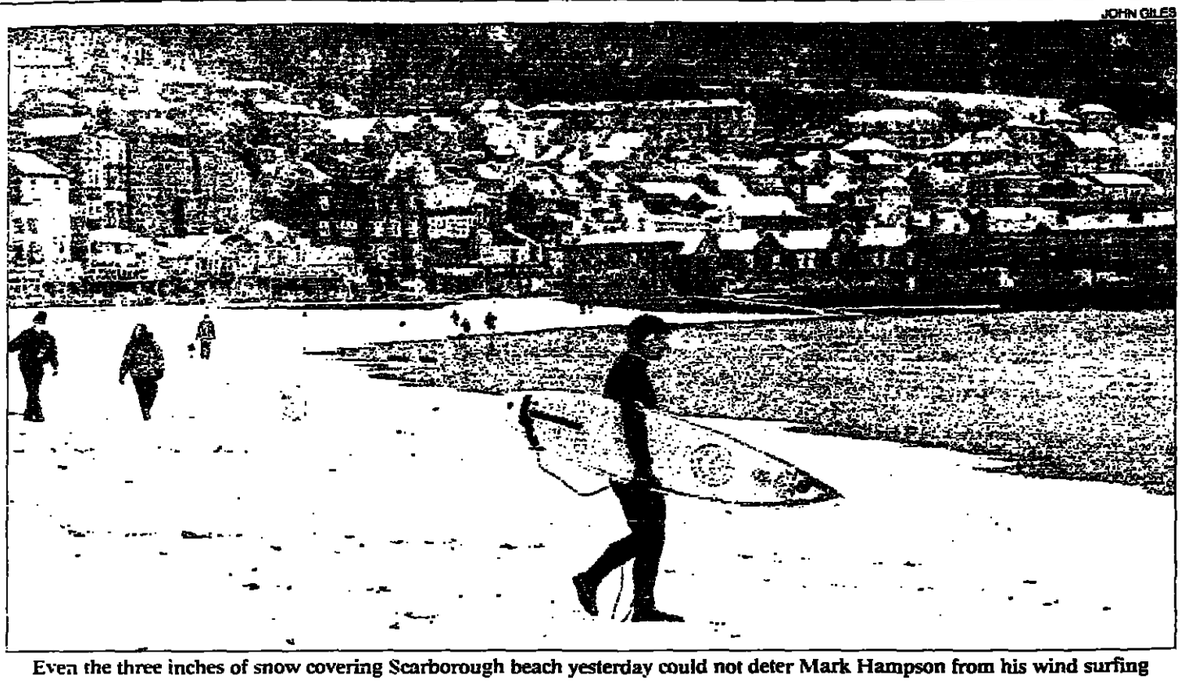
President de Klerk will meet the King of the Zulus. Goodwill Zwelithini, in a last-minute bid to encourage his people not to boycott the elections ..... Page 13

Kohl campaign

Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, launched Germany's election campaign with a mixture of back-to-basics and a dose of Euro-scepticism ..... Page 14

French open fire in war of words

■ The French have been stung into replying to the torrent of criticism coming from the English side of the Channel. A new book writes off the English as "a pathetic collection of hooligans, drunkards and old snobs" and a decadent race who think they were appointed by God to teach the world the art of "fair play" while ignoring it themselves .....Page 14



JOHN GILES

Even the three inches of snow covering Scarborough beach yesterday could not deter Mark Hampson from his wind surfing

BUSINESS

Investment: Firms applying for membership of the new Personal Investment Authority will pay 18 per cent more in fees in 1994-95 than they would have done to current regulators .....Page 23

Funerals: The Office of Fair Trading is to investigate the pre-paid funeral business following fears that many people may be persuaded to pay for more expensive funerals than they need .....Page 25

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 32.3 to 3350.3. Sterling rose from 80.4 to 80.7 after a rise from DM2.5405 to DM2.5495 but a fall from $1.4777 to $1.4760 .....Page 26

SPORT

Football: Manchester City's hopes of reviving flagging fortunes with the purchase of Ian Rush from Liverpool have been dented by the Welsh forward's refusal to leave Anfield ..... Page 40

Winter Olympics: Britain's Wilf O'Reilly, who has not been out of the world's top five in 10 years of speed skating, begins his challenge for gold tonight .....Page 42

Golf: In recent years European golf has depended on a small group of gifted, yet ageing players. The first few weeks of the new season suggests the future of the game here is in good hands .....Page 42

FEATURES

A question of favour: Polling has transformed British politics over the past two generations. David Butler on the 25th anniversary of MORI ..... Page 16

Stomach pain: Fresh evidence that ulcers are often caused by a common bacterium has cast a shadow over big drug companies' products, writes Nigel Hawkes ..... Page 17

LAW

Stark evidence: A judgeship was once the pinnacle of a legal career, but now senior barristers are refusing the call. Frances Gibb reports .....Page 33

ARTS

Berlin winners: At the Berlin Film Festival, Jim Sheridan's Guildford Four film, *In the Name of the Father*, took the Golden Bear but most critical acclaim went to *Ladybird, Ladybird*, Ken Loach's film about a Liverpool mother battling social workers .....Page 39

Saatchi turns to painters: Charles Saatchi, whose tastes veer towards the bizarre, has turned to figurative painting for his exhibition of young British artists ..... Page 37

Slow burn: Eric Clapton has begun his annual residency at the Albert Hall but the show took a long while to ignite .....Page 37

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES



Ian Russell, a Navy PT instructor who broke a man's nose in six places during a rugby match, was convicted of assault at a court martial Page 5



The diary of Zlata Filipovic, 14, capturing the horrors of life in Sarajevo under a constant Serb barrage, goes on sale in Britain Page 15



Cliff Richard is risking £5 million of his personal fortune to play the brooding hero in *Heathcliff*, a musical based on *Wuthering Heights* Page 6

THE TIMES TOMORROW

Watching the phone

■ "In the future we won't have time to listen to the television, we'll be watching the telephone." Robin Hunt and David Gordon on media in the next century

Home guide to history

■ Houses are more than mere bricks and mortar. James Fisher discovers ways of delving into the history of your home

Haitink: triumph and trauma

■ Richard Morrison talks to the great Dutch conductor Bernard Haitink, 65 next month, about the triumphs and traumas of his years at the Royal Opera

TV LISTINGS

How much are parents responsible for children's behaviour? *40 Minutes (BBC2, 9.50pm)* .....Page 43

OPINION

Spywatcher

It is too easy for a parliamentarian's head to be turned by being included in the "ring of secrecy" that surrounds the intelligence services. No good will be served if the committee accepts all it is told without question .....Page 19

Yeltsin's coup

Moscow must pull the Serbs back to the table, using deeply felt ties to warn with brutal frankness Page 19

Old sports

When Torvill and Dean take to the ice, they spin a lutz at ageing and send a golden glow through all those aged over 20 ..... Page 19

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

Once I saw a book of mine that I had lent to the house in which I was being entertained. The book was propping up furniture. It was not because it was my book that I suffered: it was the indignity that the book was suffering ..... Page 18

WOODROW WYATT

There are adulterers, fornicators and homosexuals in every party. Those who live in glass houses should not throw stones, and certainly not at Mr Major's back-to-basics campaign .....Page 18

OBITUARIES

Colonel Sir Michael Ansel, equestrian events organiser; **Sir Maxwell Entwistle**, solicitor and Liverpool city councillor; **Tiana Lemnitz**, German soprano ..... Page 21

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A terminally ill patient puts the case for euthanasia .....Page 19

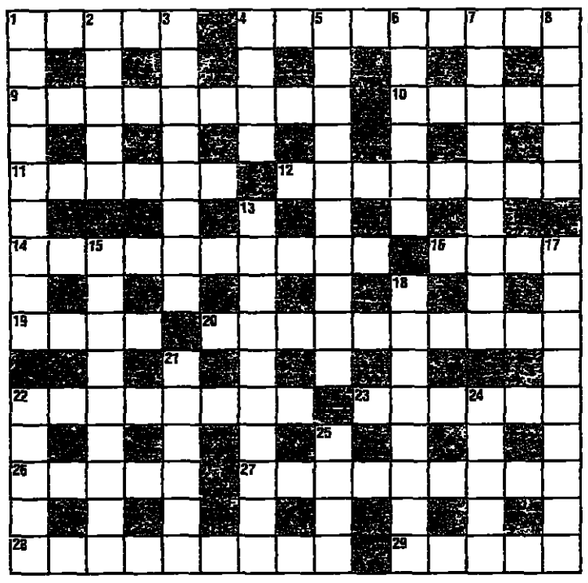
THE PAPERS

We should not forget that this dubious [Bosnia] strategy bodes ill for the credibility of the new world order — *Le Soir*

Peace will not come from the inhabitants of Bosnia but will be imposed upon them — *Le Monde*

The unpleasant truth is that unless the United States is prepared to invade Haiti no significant political changes are likely to take place without the ruling generals' consent — *The New York Times*

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,472



ACROSS

1 Question on examination paper — "What gas circulates here?" (5).
4 Fantastic claim — wish is realised (9).
9 Game in which you'll find many trainers (9).
10 Loud noise from Scots group at midnight (5).
11 Maritime industry out west using rugs (6).
12 I grant no dispensation in the dark (8).
14 Wages cover charitable giving and, on the Continent, a feast (4,6).
16 Catch 6 on the way back (4).
19 By the sound of it, took in island (4).
20 Bed-linen given prisoner who's admitted "I shall escape" (10).
22 Show to be deprived of record in first place (8).
23 Former Wimbledon champion named top seed (3-3).
26 It raises a point still outstanding (5).
27 Bad trouble about chasing a marine creature (9).
28 Cleaner put chap off (9).
29 Had lush imbibed? (5).

DOWN

1 Nagging wife can make it happen after a kiss (9).
2 Christmas present the Spanish give (5).
3 Parsimony of composer wearing cape (8).
4 Wash in stir (4).
5 Concerned with sheep gathering as a whole (10).
6 Area controlled by military escort, perhaps (6).
7 Bloke joining a bishop and a novice in the bush (9)
8 It's lawful to walk (5).
13 Tacks into unoccupied area in slow motion (6,4).
15 Seem hurt by order to speed up (4,5).
17 Flower providing cover for bird and rats (9).
18 Mobius strip is not so controversial (3-5).
21 Result — turn coat (6).
22 Beautiful girl featured in boring commercial (5).
24 Record held by Kipling's python for a long time (5).
25 Broadcast schedule is upset (4).

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,471

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: St Mary's (Isles of Scilly, 10C /50F); lowest day max: Buxton, Derbyshire, 0C /32F); highest rainfall: Falmouth, Cornwall, 1.65in; highest sunshine: Lowestoft, Suffolk, and Ispaina, Cumbria, 7.3hr

FORECAST

☐ **General**. England and Wales will have some rain, sleet or snow at first in southernmost parts. The South West and South Wales will have rather more persistent rain later. Northern parts, on the other hand, should be dry and bright. Scotland, after a frosty start, will be mostly dry and bright but the far North East will have wintry showers. Northern Ireland after a dry, bright and frosty start, will become cloudy during the afternoon with rain later.

☐ **London, SE England, Central S England**: cloudy with some rain, sleet or snow at first, becoming mostly dry for a time, some rain later. Wind east to southeasterly light to moderate. Max 4C to 6C (39F to 43F).

☐ **E Anglia, E Midlands, W Midlands**: rather cloudy with some sleet or snow in the south at first becoming mainly dry. Wind light to moderate mostly easterly. Max 3C or 4C (37F to 39F).

☐ **E England, Lake District, Central N, NE England, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, S W Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, NW Scotland**: mostly dry and bright. Wind light to moderate mostly easterly. Max 2C or 3C (36F or 37F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales**: mostly cloudy with rain at times, more persistent later. Wind south or southwesterly light to moderate. Max 6C or 7C (43F to 45F).

☐ **N Wales, NW England, Isle of Man, N Ireland**: dry and bright at first, becoming more cloudy later with rain. Wind moderate to fresh east to southeasterly. Max 3C or 4C (37F to 39F).

☐ **Aberdeen, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland**: sunny spells and snow showers, becoming less frequent later. Wind light to moderate easterly. Max 2C (36F).

☐ **Outlook**. band of rain, sleet or snow moving north followed by showery weather

AROUND BRITAIN

MIDDAY t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

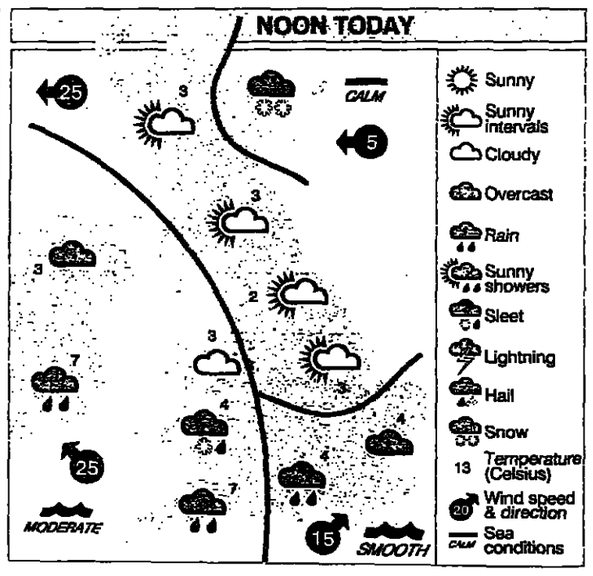
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Aberdeen	-	-	2	36	c	London	4.6	-	4	39	s
Anglesey	3.5	0.02	5	41	s	Lowestoft	7.3	-	2	36	s
Aspatria	7.3	-	3	37	s	Manchester	6.4	-	3	37	s
Aviemore	5.5	-	4	39	s	Margate	X				
Belfast	1.6	-	3	37	b	Minehead	X				
Birmingham	X					Morecambe	Y				
Bognor R	6.3	0.08	3	37	sn	Newcastle	-	-	2	36	sn
Bournem'th	-	0.47	2	36	sn	Newquay	X				
Bristol	-	0.13	3	37	sl	Norwich	5.7	-	2	36	s
Buxton	3.2	-	0	32	s	Nottingham	3.6	-	2	36	b
Cardiff	-	0.51	3	37	sn	Penzance	-	0.92	10	50	r
Clacton	5.1	-	3	36	s	Plymouth	-	0.77	6	43	r
Cleethorpes	X					Poole	-	0.68	3	37	sn
Colwyn Bay	5.6	-	3	37	s	Ross-o-wye	1.8	0.15	3	37	sn
Cromer	3.9	-	2	36	sn	Ryde	X				
Eastbourne	0.4	-	3	37	c	Salcombe	X				
Edinburgh	2.4	-	4	39	b	Sandown	-	0.22	3	37	sn
Eskdalemuir	3.7	-	2	36	sn	Saunton Snd	-	0.21	5	41	du
Exmouth	-	0.65	4	39	sn	Scarboro'	X	-	1	34	c
Falmouth	X	1.65	7	45	r	Scilly Isles	X				
Folkestone	2.7	-	1	34	s	Shanklin	-	0.32	3	37	sl
Glasgow	1.6	-	5	41	b	Skegness	2.3	-	2	36	sn
Guernsey	-	0.54	8	46	sh	Southend	X				
Hastings	1.5	-	2	36	b	Southport	7.2	-	3	37	c
Hayling I.	X					Southsea	-	0.20	2	36	sn
Herne Bay	3.5	-	1	34	s	Stornoway	X				
Hove	-	0.02	X	X	b	Swanage	-	0.35	4	39	sl
Hunstanton	5.9		236			Teignmouth	-	0.87	5	41	sn
Isle of Man	3.7	-	4	39	s	Tenby	-	0.27	4	39	r
Jersey	-	0.29	8	46	r	Tiree	3.5	-	6	43	b
Kinloss	3.7	-	5	41	c	Torquay	-	1.02	7	45	r
Leeds	1.0	-	2	36	s	Tynemouth	-	-	3	37	c
Lerwick	-	-	3	37	sn	Ventnor	-	0.28	2	36	sn
Lleuhars	-	-	2	37	sn	West-s-mare	-	0.27	5	41	sl
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Liverpool	0.9	-	3	37	s	Wick	X				

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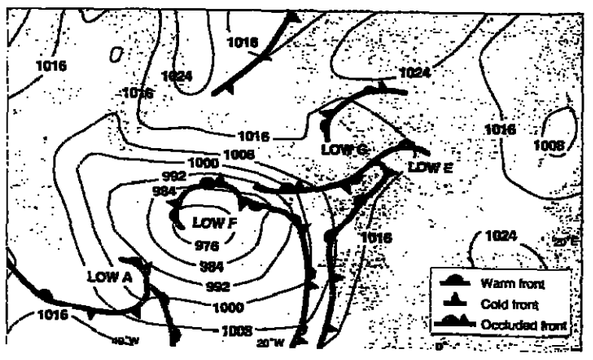
Ajaccio	11	52	f	C'phagn	0	32	c	Majorca	15	59	f
Akrotiri	15	61	s	Cortu	11	52	c	Malaga	18	64	s
Alex'dria	19	66	s	Dublin	2	36	s	Malta	14	57	c
Algiers	19	66	s	Dubrovnik	10	50	c	Melb'rne	24	75	s
Amst'dm	-1	30	s	Faro	17	63	f	Miami	27	81	c
Athens	12	55	f	Florence	11	52	c	Milan	5	41	s
Bahrain	20	68	s	Frankfurt	-2	28	s	Montreal	9	48	s
Bangkok	34	93	s	Funchal	18	66	s	Moscow	-7	19	f
Barbados	26	82	f	Geneva	8	46	c	Munich	3	37	c
Barcelona	14	57	s	Gibraltar	16	61	s	Nairobi	26	79	f
Beirut	17	63	f	Helsinki	-8	18	s	Naples	11	52	f
Belgrade	-1	30	c	Hong K	21	70	s	N Delhi	20	68	s
Berlin	1	34	s	Innsbrck	5	41	c	N York	15	59	s
Bermuda	21	70	r	Istanbul	9	48	f	Nice	13	55	s
Biarritz	13	55	f	Jeddah	30	86	s	Oslo	-3	27	f
Borde'x	9	48	s	Jo'burg	21	70	f	Paris	4	39	c
Brussels	-1	30	sn	L Palmas	23	73	s	Perth	26	79	s
Budapst	2	36	s	Le Touet	1	34	f	Prague	2	36	s
B Aires	32	90	s	Lisbon	15	59	s	Reykjavik	4	39	s
Cairo	21	70	s	Locarno	7	45	s	Rhodes	13	55	r
Cape Tn	29	84	s	L Angels	11	52	c	Rio de J	34	93	f
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Ch'church	12	72	f	Luxor	24	75	s	Rome	12	54	f
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								Tunis	16	61	f
								Valencia	19	66	s
								Vanc'ver	5	41	r
								Venice	9	48	s
								Vienna	2	36	s
								Warsaw	0	32	c
								Wash'ton	18	64	s
								Wel'ngton	22	72	s
								Zurich	1	34	sn

X = not available

NOON TODAY



Changes to chart below from noon: low E should continue to run east. Low F will fill slowly in situ. Low G will fill and lose identity. Low A will deepen and move east



HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.26	5.57	11.04	5.81	Liverpool	9.12	7.53	8.44	7.77
Aberdeen	10.35	3.54	11.09	3.61	Lowestoft	8.37	2.09	6.51	2.21
Avonmouth	3.37	10.18	4.19	10.50	Margate	8.49	3.81	9.20	4.04
Belfast	7.53	3.01	8.30	2.90	Milford Haven	3.02	5.13	3.39	5.49
Cardiff	3.22	9.54	4.04	9.90	Newquay	1.59	5.4	2.36	5.6
Devonport	2.23	4.4	3.07	4.5	Oban	3.06	3.0	3.52	3.2
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Markets dip on German strike threat

By Janet Bush
Economics Correspondent

■ The markets are now waiting for Alan Greenspan's testimonial to Congress to see if there are any indications of further tightening of American monetary policy

THE after-shocks of last week's rout on US markets continued to reverberate around Europe, sending shares and bonds sharply lower, amid nerves about today's testimony by the chairman of the Federal Reserve to Congress.

Selling momentum on Wall Street that built up last Thursday and Friday gained yesterday on news that IG Metall, the German engineering union, was to ballot its members on strike action over pay. Only the fact that US markets were closed for President's Day limited the damage.

In London, the FT-SE 100 index closed 32.3 points lower at 3,350.3 and long-dated gilts futures lost another half point from Friday's close, largely because of nervousness about US monetary policy.

Events in Germany set the tone in continental markets. German bonds dropped sharply again, undermined by IG Metall's announcement. The union will ballot members in Lower Saxony between March 1 and March 3; a strike could begin on March 7.

The mark fell almost a pfennig against sterling, which ended at DM 2.5495, and German bonds dropped sharply in after-hours trading, dragging other European bond markets with them. German shares dropped to about 25 points below Friday's close. French bonds suffered after the Bank of France decided to leave its key interest rates unchanged, despite the cut in the Bundesbank's discount rate last week.

The markets are awaiting Alan Greenspan's Humphrey-Hawkins testimony to Congress for comments that might indicate another tightening in US monetary policy. However, dealers said it was unlikely that the Fed chairman would say anything that would fuel the rout in world bond markets.

Speculative hedge funds, many of which are based in New York, have been cutting their positions in world bond markets since the beginning of the year. Selling intensified after the Fed signalled that it was engineering a small rise in its Fed Funds rate about two weeks ago. Securities houses with long positions started bailing out.

Traders talked about panic selling on Friday night in New York and there is considerable worry about how markets will respond when the US opens again today. There is a widespread feeling that inflationary pressures remain subdued worldwide and that recent falls in bond prices have created bargains. Nevertheless, the selling has been self-feeding as losses have mounted and could continue, depending on Mr Greenspan's comments.



Greenspan: testifies today

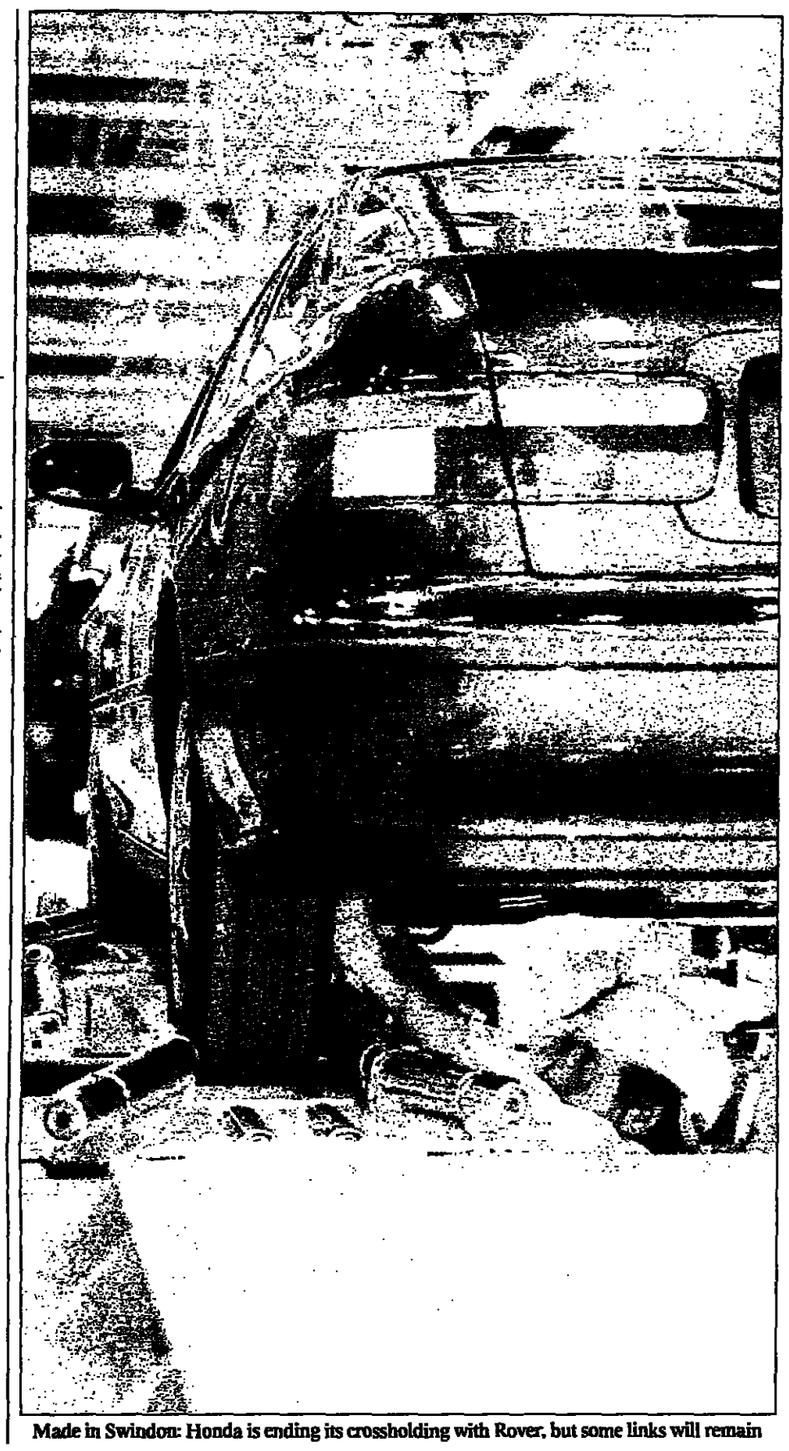
Economists at Nikko Securities, in London, said the current panic did not reflect economic reality; markets seemed determined to take the most negative view possible on inflation and interest rates. The market perception was that the rise of 25 basis points in Fed Funds marked a watershed in the Fed's interest-rate cycle.

Economists also noted that the economic cycles of the US and Europe were at different stages and interest rate policy had decoupled. This is underlined by the fact that, after the Fed's tightening, both the British and German authorities cut their rates.

Nervousness has been exacerbated by the failure by the US and Japan to reach agreement on key trade issues. That led to a sharp slide in the dollar. However, the US currency stabilised and rose yesterday.

Fears of a further Fed tightening hit the Hong Kong market. The blue chip Hang Seng index fell by 3.41 per cent. However, the Nikkei closed higher in Tokyo.

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Made in Swindon: Honda is ending its crossholding with Rover, but some links will remain

Honda 'may rue split with Rover'

By Colin Narbrough

HONDA'S decision to unwind its 20 per cent cross-holding in Rover and review its long-standing ties with the company was an important industrial opportunity missed, says a leading car-industry expert.

Garel Rhys, professor of motor industry economics at Cardiff Business School, said the decision was "sad in terms of industrial logic". Together, Honda, Japan's third-biggest carmaker, Rover and its new owner, BMW, the German luxury-car company, could have become a "mass-producing specialist group", which would allow them to survive long-term, he said.

The worry was that wounded Japanese pride was making Honda inflict damage on itself over Rover, which earned it about £400 million a year, Professor Rhys said. But he said Honda might have left the door open to a closer relationship with BMW-Rover.

Shares in BMW, which three weeks ago agreed to pay British Aerospace £800 million for 80 per cent of Rover, dropped sharply on the Frankfurt bourse after news that Honda plans to unwind its crossholding.

Efforts by BMW and Rover to dispel market concern that BMW and Honda were heading for open conflict that could damage Rover, failed to prevent BMW being marked down DM18.50 to DM848.

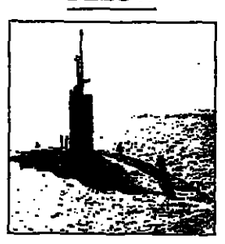
John Longhurst, car analyst at UBS, foresaw no damage to Rover or BMW arising from Honda's financial exit from the British car firm, and expects Honda to leave important collaboration and licensing deals intact. The move is not expected to affect mutual deliveries. Honda will continue supplying engines to Rover, and Rover will still deliver body parts to Honda.

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Robert Ballantyne

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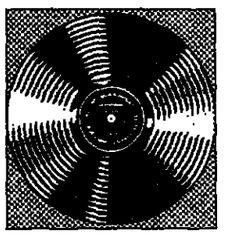


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New agency to be 'tough and costly'

By Sara McConnell, Personal Finance Correspondent

FIRMS applying for membership of the new Personal Investment Authority (PIA) will pay 18 per cent more in fees in 1994-95 than they would have done to their current regulators.

Introducing the PIA's prospectus, which sets out its plans for admitting members, monitoring, handling complaints and paying compensation, Colette Bowe, the authority's chief executive, said: "We will be an expensive regulator. We will have a tough admissions policy and tough monitoring."

Publication of the PIA's prospectus followed the announcement yesterday by the Securities and Investments Board that it was "minded to recognise" the PIA as the single regulator for all firms selling investments to members of the public. The PIA will replace the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) and the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association (Fimbra), which will be "derecognised" as regulators by the SIB.

PIA fees for 1994-95 will total £29.2 million, compared with the £24.7 million the industry would have been charged by existing regulators. By contrast, it is estimated that the cost to PIA members of compensating investors for losses will be lower than now, since a stricter admissions and monitoring policy should reduce the need for compensation.

Firms' liability will be limited to £50 million in any one year. This compares with a new cap of £100 million to be introduced by the SIB from April 1. Under PIA rules, independent financial advisers, which have faced the biggest bill for compensation in recent years, will meet the first £5 million of claims against them. They will then meet 10 per cent of the remaining bill, up to £45 million.

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O'Reilly tries to raise his Independent stake

By Alexandra Frean, Media Correspondent

TONY O'Reilly is attempting to increase his stake in Newspaper Publishing (NPP), owner of *The Independent*, by 5 per cent to 29.9 per cent, with a partial cash offer worth 350p.

Last night, Hoare Govett, the brokers, gave shareholders in NPP until 11 am today to accept. The deal is conditional on clearance from Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, who oversees newspaper takeovers. It allows Mr O'Reilly to withdraw his offer if DTI assent is not forthcoming by May 31.

Although Mr O'Reilly has previously stated that it is not his preferred intention to launch a full bid for NPP, the terms of last night's offer leave open the option for him to make a full bid at a higher price. His representatives are understood to be meeting representatives of the DTI today.

Brendan Hopkins, managing director of the international operations of Mr O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers, said last night that several institutions had accepted the offer. "We are confident of securing what we set out to achieve. This will make us the largest single shareholders in NPP in the current arrangement and in any revised arrangement. It will still leave all of our options open."

Although the consortium led by Mirror Group Newspapers lifted its offer for the 52.92 per cent of NPP shares it does not already own to 347.3p, payable in a mix of cash and shares in MGN (valued at 180p yesterday), it has not increased the cash alternative of 250p.

Sources at the Mirror-led consortium, which also includes the main Spanish and Italian shareholders in *The Independent* and Andreas Whittam Smith, the paper's founding editor, indicated last night that they were now prepared to provide NPP with details of the agreement binding them together ahead of publication of their offer document — expected early next week — provided the NPP directors signed a confidentiality agreement. Sergio Cellini, of Expresso, the Spanish group that controls 18.4 per cent of NPP, said that the consortium agreement contained certain opt-out clauses that could be triggered only by the Southern European shareholders.

He said: "If having the Mirror in the consortium turns out not to be as good as expected, we could oblige them either to sell us their holding or to buy our holding. In all events, we would decide, not the Mirror."

The move could clear the way for NPP's independent board members to decide whether to recommend the bid when it meets tomorrow and to reveal its decision at a full board meeting on Thursday.

In a statement yesterday, NPP welcomed the "significant improvement" in the level of the consortium's ordinary offer, which is worth 347.3p per share and values the company at about £73 million.

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Tax rises will not slow growth this year, says institute

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ **Worries about higher taxes are eroding consumer confidence so that 37 per cent expect their financial situation to get worse, the most pessimistic view since April 1990**

TAX increases from April *onwards should not dent* growth this year because the effects of lower interest rates are still feeding through, but they will restrict activity next year and beyond, according to the latest forecast from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research.

The institute, which has consistently been more positive on growth prospects than most other commentators, predicts growth of 2.7 per cent *this year (above the government's* 2.5 per cent forecast), and 2.6 per cent in 1995. This is considerably more optimistic than the London Business School's forecast of a fall in growth from 2.5 per cent this year to 2.2 per cent in 1995 and 2.3 per cent in 1996, largely due to the effect of the Lamont/Clarke tax rises.

Even so, the institute's forecast for 1995 and 1996 is more pessimistic than the government's which assumes growth of 2.75 per cent and 3 per cent respectively. Both the institute and LBS are represented on *Chancellor Kenneth Clarke's* independent advisory panel of so-called Wise Men who publish their latest forecasts today. They are likely to say the Chancellor's growth assumptions are unlikely to be met.

The latest Gallup survey shows worries about higher taxes have started to erode consumer confidence. In the survey, 17 per cent thought their financial situation would improve while 37 per cent said it would get worse — the most pessimistic reading since April 1990. Gallup said January's rise in unemployment could mean a further deterioration in confidence.

Mr Clarke has consistently argued the recovery overall will not be derailed by the fiscal tightening although tax increases will probably rein in consumer spending. He also said recently his 2.5 per cent growth forecast was looking "more and more modest", a judgment that is in stark contrast to the institute and LBS reports.

Both the institute and LBS believe there will be another quarter-point cut in interest rates but that rates will rise again from next year.

The institute's short-term view is more positive than that of the LBS, largely because it believes some of the benefit of *lower interest rates and the* devaluation of the pound after its ejection from the Exchange Rate Mechanism is yet to feed through. But, in the medium term, growth would be about 2.25 per cent, considerably lower than the government's forecasts and, if this were to be *the case, would cast doubt on* Mr Clarke's claim in November that his budget sorted "out the problem of public borrowing once and for all".

The institute says its growth forecasts would raise employment by 1 per cent to 1.5 per cent this year, but unemployment would level off at 2.5 million. Underlying inflation (excluding mortgage interest) would remain within the government's 1-4 per cent target band, with underlying and producer-price inflation averaging 3.75 per cent during 1994.

Pulbrook names lead court action

BY SARAH BAGNALL, INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

THE first in a long line of legal actions by Lloyd's names begins tomorrow with the *Pulbrook syndicate 334 case at* the High Court.

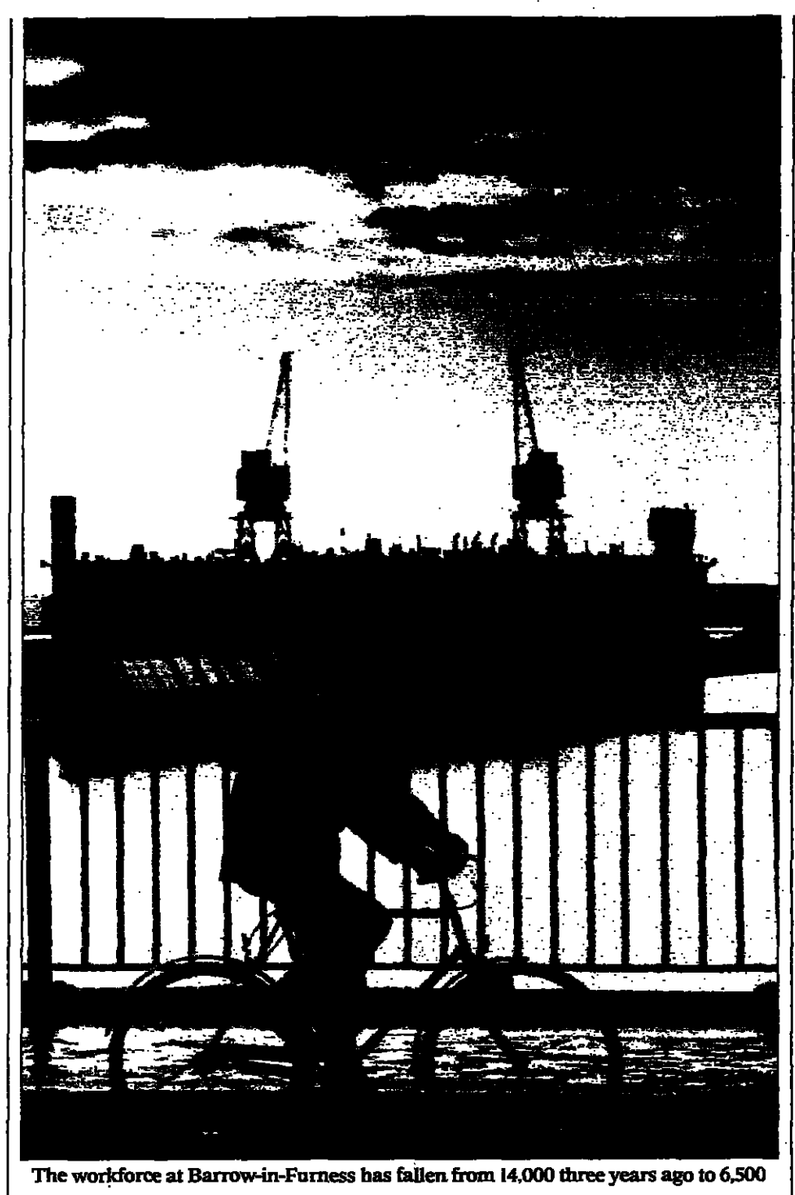
The case is being brought by 366 loss-making names, including Harry Hyams, the property developer who built Centrepoint. The names lost £44 million on the syndicate's 1985 year of account, more *than two-and-a-half times* their original investment. Tomorrow's case seeks to try to recover these losses and to gain an indemnity against further losses, put at another £105 million by Chatset, the independent Lloyd's analyst.

Thus, a name writing an average line of £35,000 has lost about £90,000 and could lose a further £210,000.

The names are suing Pulbrook Underwriting Management, the managing agency that was in charge of the syndicate's affairs, and 11 members' agents who were responsible for placing names on the loss-making syndicate. *The syndicate was involved in* insuring long-tail risks, such as pollution and asbestosis claims, which can take decades to emerge.

David Tiplady at DJ Freeman, the law firm acting for the names, said the syndicate bought reinsurance cover to *offload its exposure to these* long-tail liabilities with Merrett syndicate 418. However, the Merrett syndicate repudiated the contract, which covered policies written in 1974 and previously, because of material non-disclosure when the contract was placed. The claim went to arbitration and syndicate 334 lost.

The names on syndicate 334 are claiming that Pulbrook Underwriting Agency was negligent in failing to make a proper disclosure. The case is expected to last four weeks.



The workforce at Barrow-in-Furness has fallen from 14,000 three years ago to 6,500

VSEL sheds 500 more jobs

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

VSEL, the Trident submarine builder, plans further job cuts following the announcement that it is to shed 500 employees at its Barrow yard. The Barrow workforce has been cut from 14,000 three years ago to 6,500, and jobs in the company's shipbuilding division continue to be reviewed.

VSEL said earlier predictions that employment at the yard would eventually fall to about 5,000 were likely to prove accurate. The latest cuts were part of a "rolling programme". They would be spread among white- and blue-collar employees, and would take place by May. Volunteers are being sought and pay in lieu of notice is being offered to anyone who comes forward by Friday.

Work will continue on the three remaining Trident contracts and on an order for the *AS90 self-propelled gun for* the British Army. The first Trident has been completed and the second, *Victorious*, is almost ready for sea trials. Work on the third and fourth vessels is under way.

Ray Davies, VSEL personnel director, said job cuts were necessary to secure the company's long-term future. The reduction of the workforce has coincided with a steady increase in profits. These rose by 11 per cent, to £28.8 million, in *the six months to September.*

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Euro Disney report to back debt write-offs

ALL 60 banks owed Fr21 billion by Euro Disney, which runs the theme park near Paris, will receive the *independent* report from KPMG Peat Marwick, the auditor, today suggesting the project is profitable before hefty interest charges. The long-awaited auditors' report is thought largely to back the management *line that the park can be profitable* after debt write-offs and fresh capital-raising. Analysts believe that if Fr12 billion is written off and shareholders put up an additional Fr6 billion, the park will show a pre-tax profit at expected levels of attendance.

The report was commissioned by the banks, which are conducting tough negotiations with the management and Walt Disney. The parent, which has 49 per cent of the equity, has said the park could close at the end of next month if a *refinancing is not worked out.* Euro Disney lost more than £600 million in the last financial year after earlier optimistic attendance forecasts were missed.

Conrad scores £23,000

CONRAD, the quoted leisure group that operates the soccer schools run by Bobby Charlton, the former England star, reported its first profit since 1988. Rodney Walker, chairman, said the "significant watershed" was the first step towards transforming the group's fortunes in the short to medium term. Conrad made taxable profits of £23,000 in the six months to December 31, 1993, against a loss last time of £341,000. Earnings per share were 0.04p (losses of 0.63p). Mr Walker said Bobby Charlton International, the worldwide soccer consultancy, continued to attract new business.

Ashtead doubles interim

MAINTAINED investment through the recession is now paying benefits, said Ashtead Group, the plant hire group, as it unveiled doubled interim pre-tax profits of £3.3 million (£1.6 million). Earnings per share also doubled from 5.2p to 10.9p, and shareholders see the dividend rise 14.7 per cent to 1.3p for the six months to October 31, 1993. A-Plant, Ashtead's main business of UK plant hire, saw trading profits moving ahead to £6.3 million (£4.9 million), as it continued to widen its customer base beyond the mainstream construction markets.

Wills powers ahead

MIXED European trading failed to slow Wills Group, the engineering products maker. In the six months to January 1, the French companies performed well, while buoyant sales of some products in Italy were offset by a downturn in others. German and Dutch trading was poor, while big increases in demand in the UK are yet to materialise. Despite this, pre-tax profits doubled to £575,000 against £287,000 in the same period last year, and earnings per share rose to 0.36p (0.28p). The interim dividend is 0.115p (0.1p).

Bullough cuts profits

BULLOUGH, the specialist engineer, has had to knock £1.4 million off pre-tax profits for the year to end-October to cover an asset shortfall at a branch of General Refrigeration, a subsidiary. The accounts will now show an advance from £5.98 million to £7.78 million, rather than £9.18 million as previously reported. Until it has investigated the loss, Bullough will not know how much is due to "misappropriation" or how much can be recovered from insurers. The shares slipped 14p to 159p. A branch employee has been dismissed.

Business joins in criticism of TECs

BY OUR INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS leaders believe the priorities of the Government's £2.8 billion private sector-led Training and Enterprise Councils are largely wrong.

The latest criticism comes from an industry-wide survey of 234 employers with a *combined workforce of almost half* a million, which concludes that although business has a great deal of goodwill towards TECs, it is frustrated by their "inflexibility, bureaucracy, lack of business understanding and the low priority given to local economic development".

The survey, carried out by Industrial Relations Services, an independent employee-relations analyst, says TECs and LECs, their Scottish equivalents, clearly "do not have the same priorities as the employers that are supposed to be leading the initiative".

The survey says there is a "significant mismatch" between TECs' priorities and what businesses think they should be. Only 13 per cent of businesses surveyed believe TECs are devoting most of their energies to their most important functions. More than a third — the single largest *group — think TECs should be* mainly contributing to local economic development.

But almost two-thirds say the reality of what TECs are actually doing is delivering Government employment schemes, to which businesses give the lowest standing, with only 7 per cent rating it as TECs' top priority.

Rachel Gooch of IRS said: "Employers think TECs and LECs should devote more resources to encouraging local economic development, business enterprise and increasing skills of people in employment."

*The survey suggests em*ployers have at best mixed experiences in their dealings with TECs. While companies want them to succeed, the study says, "many are exasperated by them, and in some cases exhausted by the effort involved in maintaining a *productive relationship*".

TECs have poor marketing, IRS says, and many employers find them inflexible.

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They have delivered to us at 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF no later than 12.00pm on the business day before the day fixed for the meeting, written details of the debts they claim to be due to them from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of Rule 3.11 of the Insolvency Rules 1986;
and
There has been lodged with us any proxy which the creditor intends to be used on his behalf.
L. A. Manning
Joint Administrative Receiver
17 February 1994

NO: 00204 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF AMBERLEY GROUP PLC
and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 9th February 1994 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 10th February 1994.
DATED this 22nd day of February 1994.
PINSENT & CO
3 COLMORE CIRCUS
BIRMINGHAM
B4 6BH
REF: VM
Solicitors for the above named company

No.5423 of 1993
The Insolvency Act 1986
In the High Court of Justice
In Bankruptcy
JOHN JOSEPH KENNEDY
I, Ian Frances, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Frances Associates, 24 Conduit Place, London, W2 1EP give notice that I was appointed Trustee of the estate of the above-named on 20th January 1994. All debts and claims should be sent to me at the above address.
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts, writing to me for a claim form. No further public advertisement of invitation to prove debts will be given.
Dated this 16th day of February 1994
I Frances
Trustee

No. 30663 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF THE GRASS ROOTS GROUP PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, Birmingham District Registry dated 24th January 1994 confirming the cancellation of the share premium Account of the above named Company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 1st February 1994.
Dated this 22nd day of February 1994
Evershed Wells & Hind
10 Newhall Street
Birmingham, B3 3LX
Solicitors for the above named Company
Ref: EH/105
Tel: 021-233-2001

No. 00768 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF SYPTA LIMITED and
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 3 February 1994 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of the Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above-named company from £100,000,000 to £77,500,000.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is desired to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 9 day of March 1994.
Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by counsel for that purpose.
A Copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED the 22nd day of February 1994.
Simpson Curtis
41 Park Square
Leeds LS1 2NS
Tel: 0532 433433
Ref: GJR
Solicitors for the above-named Company

SOLENT ESTATES LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
A meeting of the creditors of Solent Estates Limited is to be held at The George Hotel, Quay Street, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight on 16 March 1994 at 11:30 am under the provisions of section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a creditors' committee. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to be represented at the meeting.
P S Padmore
Joint Administrative Receiver
18 February 1994
PSP/BMW/SARSE02/10SLA

INSOLVENCY RULES 1986 RULE 4.106(1)
ALLIED MEDICAL CORPORATE HEALTH CARE LIMITED
IN CREDITORS
VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Ian Frances, Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Ian Frances Associates, Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP was appointed Liquidator of the above-named company on the 16th February 1994
All creditors who have not already done so are invited to prove their debts in writing to Mr Ian Frances at Conduit House, 24 Conduit Place, London W2 1EP.
I Frances
Liquidator

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF LIQUIDATOR
VOLUNTARY WINDING UP
CREDITORS
PURSUANT TO SECTION 109
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Company Number: 2594272
Name of company: G.C.K. Joinery Company Limited
Nature of business: Carpenters & Joiners
Address of registered office: Trevlet House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1JQ
Type of Liquidation: Creditors Voluntary
Liquidator(s): Richard Andrew Segal, A Segal & Co, Trevlet House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ
Office Holder No(s): 002685
Date of appointment: 18 February 1994
By whom appointed: The Members & Creditors
Signature(s): Richard Andrew Segal
Date: 18 February 1994

The Insolvency Act 1986
ESPRIT COMMUNICATIONS PLC
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at 84 Grosvenor Street, London, W1X 9DF on Friday 25 February 1994 at 11am, for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. on Wednesday 23 February 1994.
Creditors wishing to vote at the meeting must lodge a full statement of account and an informal proof of debt and unless attending in person a proxy in the form attached at Buchler Phillips, 84 Grosvenor Street, London W1X 9DF no later than 12.00 noon on Thursday 24 February 1994.
Secured Creditors must, unless they surrender their security, give particulars of their security and its assessed value if they wish to vote at the Meeting.
By Order of the Board
Peter Livesy
Director
14 February 1994

WE PINSHORN (BUILDERS) LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERSHIP)
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
A meeting of the creditors of WE Pinhorn (Builders) Limited is to be held at The George hotel, Quay Street, Yarmouth, Isle of Wight on 16 March 1994 at 11.00am under the provisions of section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the report of the receivers and if the creditors wish to do so, to appoint a creditors' committee. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented at the meeting.
PS Padmore
Joint Administrative Receiver
18 February 1994
PSP/BMW/SARWP01/10SLA

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities 1. Bach-Gibbons Poors of Rest and Recuperation
2 House of Rest for Women in Business Fund
The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for these charities. A copy of the draft Scheme obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57/60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference DJP/250944A/1-Legal(a). Comments or representations can be made within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Stationers' Company's Library
The Charity Commissioners have made a Scheme for these charities. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Albans House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX, quoting reference number DGV-267389-A/1-CD-Lan5

H.M. LAND REGISTRY
LOST CERTIFICATE(S)
It is proposed to issue a new certificate to replace the one described below that is stated to have been lost or destroyed. Anyone possessing the missing certificate or objecting to the issue of a new one should at once notify The Gloucester District Land Registry of Twyver House, Bruton Way, Gloucester GL1 1DQ. Land certificate(s) included title No. BGC76264, 194 Cruddasmead Road, Woodley, Wokingham, Berks. Proprietor, Grand Metropolitan Estates Limited of River Court, 80 Oxford Road, Denham, Uxbridge, Middx.

TRAFALGAR HOUSE
PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

CHANGE IN DIVIDEND PAYMENT DATE FROM 11th MARCH TO 6th APRIL 1994

At the Annual General Meeting of Trafalgar House to be held on Thursday 24th February 1994 the board will recommend that the final ordinary dividend of 2p per share for the year ended 30th September 1993, payable to shareholders on the register on 13th January 1994, should be paid on 6th April 1994 rather than 11th March 1994 as previously proposed.

The change in the payment date will save the company approximately £500,000 in advance corporation tax. The board believes that it is prudent to take this action and that it is in the best interests of the company and its shareholders.

Simon Keswick
Chairman

22nd February 1994

Trafalgar House Public Limited Company, 1 Berkeley Street, London W1A 1BY.

National Power PLC
Electricity Act 1989 Section 36
and Schedule 8 Paragraph 7(1)
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 90(2)
PROPOSED DIDCOT B COMBINED CYCLE GAS TURBINE POWER STATION

Notice is hereby given that National Power PLC (whose Registered Office is at Windmill Hill Business Park, Whitehall Way, Swindon, Wiltshire SN5 6PB) has applied to the President of the Board of Trade within agreement to a variation of the design of the Development the subject of the Consent granted on the 22nd September 1993 to construct and operate a combined cycle gas turbine of about 1360MW on land adjacent to the Company's existing Didcot power station in the Vale of White Horse District of Oxfordshire.

The application for variation is made pursuant to Condition 3(1) of the Consent and would permit the construction of any of the three gas turbine and steam turbine configurations proposed in the original application of 14 November 1990 in respect of the Consent. The overall output, conditions of the existing deemed planning permission, and other details of the Development would remain unchanged.

A copy of the variation application and a plan showing the area which it relates are available for inspection during normal office hours at:

Oxfordshire County Council
County Hall
New Road Oxford OX1 1ND

Vale of the White Horse District Council
The Abbey House, Abingdon
Oxfordshire, OX14 3JE

Didcot Town Library
197 Broadway
Didcot, Oxfordshire, OX11 8BG

Any objection to the application should be made in writing to the Secretary of State, Department of Trade and Industry, 1 Palace Street, London SW1E 5HE, stating the name of the station and the grounds for objection, not later than the 16th March 1994.

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☐ Showrooms may feel Japanese backlash ☐ Drawn-out delivery for PIA ☐ Struggle for The Independent has makings of a war

Hell hath no fury for Honda

☐ THE slighted Japanese partner yesterday filed for divorce after seeing what it thought was its lifetime mate leap into bed with a pressing German suitor. Honda's decision to sever its financial links with Rover after British Aerospace's sale of its car-making arm to BMW is hardly a surprise. But like most such marital splits, it is a pity, given the great strides Honda has made for Rover; and like most divorces, the division is likely to be messy and the recriminations bitter.

Trust is the keynote in most marriages, and trust is the keynote to Japanese business relationships with Western companies. BAe's decision to disregard that trust displeased not only Honda, but many Japanese companies operating in Britain, who had to then assure Tokyo that a mistake had not been made, that their partners were not going to follow suit, that not all British companies were as cavalier in their casting aside of such a central business notion as the Japanese judge BAe to have been.

What it will not lead to is a mass withdrawal from the UK by Honda or any other Japanese company. The European market is still too big a prize for the export-hungry Japanese to walk away from it, even if they were attracted — which they largely aren't — by such short-term thinking.

It is also unlikely to figure too much in new investment decisions by Japanese companies, which have in any case to some extent fallen away with the completion of the single market in Europe and greater economic difficulties in Japan.

But such points do not devalue the significance of Honda's move. For Rover, Honda will be a good deal harder to take as a competitor than it ever was as a collaborator. And given the archaic state of some of Rover's practices in its former BL guises when the relationship with Honda was first struck, that was tough enough. Honda's line yesterday was clear, and as commercial and determined as any that British companies who have come into direct competition with Japanese firms have found. Honda will continue to build up its UK investment at its own Swindon plant. Honda will maintain the jobs of those making cars there. Honda will have 100,000 cars streaming into the European market.

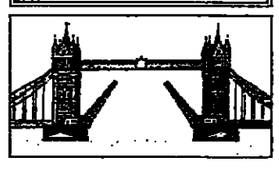
There will be wrangles — over technology, over patents, over proprietorship of models, mechanisms and manufacturing methods. But that Honda will now go head-to-head with BMW's Rover, rather than giving it largely beneficial support as a stand-alone British company, is now clear.

Rover may find its relationship with its new German owner entirely satisfactory. But the slighted partner Honda may be more tempted by *Fatal Attraction*-style retribution, with vengeance wreaked in the market place — on the car showroom forecourts of Britain and the rest of Europe.

A price worth paying

☐ IF THE Personal Investment Authority expends anything like the amount of effort on regulation as that expended by Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, in getting this self-regulatory cripple to take up its prospectus and walk, then the high streets may well become less of a danger zone

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for the investing public.

Joe Palmer, chairman of the PIA, admitted yesterday that "getting to this stage has been an arduous and long drawn out process". Palmer, former chief executive of Legal & General but categorised as a "public interest" director, can hardly be accused of exaggeration. Watching the comings and goings of the landing party at the PIA has, all too often, resembled a Mike Tyson sparring session. All the way from Sir Brian Hayes' chairmanship of the PIA's formation committee — plagued with bickering — to the exit of Standard Life's Jim Stretton.

Not a little of the sparring related to the board's make up which has finally metamorphosised into a 21-strong contingent. This comprises ten practitioners, nine public interest directors (including Palmer) and, just to even matters up, chief executive Collette Bowe, said by some to be worth any two alongside her. Costs for 1994-95 are estimated at £29.5 million and, with this not insignificant figure in mind, current regulatory fees will be jacked up by a not insignificant 18 per cent. The PIA, along with other SROs, is expected to operate under a maximum Investors Compensation Scheme cap of £100 million in any one year although prospective members will be relieved to learn that Miss Bowe and her 200 monitors — out of a staff of 350 — will "seek to limit its members' liability in any one year to £50 million". Independent financial advisers — the accident prone species currently under Fimbra's wing — face a maximum exposure of £9.5 million of which the first £5 million will be down to them. The subsequent tariff is 10 per cent of the outstanding bill up to £45 million, with the likes of life offices and unit trusts, who sell through independent financial advisers, making up the rest.

This will doubtless concentrate the minds of the latter: historically split over the wisdom of joining the PIA. Then again so was the Big Four clearers. It is, of course, the reluctance of so many purveyors of investment products to sign up that makes one suspect that the PIA might prove rather a good thing.

The flag has been correctly nailed to "the achievement of increased professionalism within the retail sector."

O'Reilly scrums down with MGN

☐ The struggle for control of *The Independent* has the makings of a knockdown bid war of the kind that is still a rarity. Tony O'Reilly's latest foray into the market is hedged around with provisos that ensure he will not lose if the competition authorities cut up rough, but if he gains another 5 per cent of Newspaper Publishing he will have made life somewhat more difficult for the MGN consortium.

The first consortium bid, deeply unlamented at the paper's City Road offices, had buried within it options for MGN in due course to obtain all the shares. Whether the second offer contains such an arrangement is at this point a mystery, and of great concern to the non-shareholder directors of Newspaper Publishing who are charged with protecting the interests of all investors and the paper's editorial independence.

Any "secret treaty" to that effect is of precious little concern to those institutions who now have the option again of selling to Mr O'Reilly at 350p. There remain many in the City who would not mind seeing the back of *The Independent* at a fair price, not least those investors who lost a packet on the *Sunday Correspondent* when *The Independent* scuppered that investment by launching its own Sunday title. Mr O'Reilly's offer of hard cash is, however hedged, likely to prove popular.

But secret treaties are of legitimate interest and will have to be revealed well before the bid closes, so it is somewhat baffling just why the consortium is being so cagey at this stage. One can assume that the terms copy the original agreement and hand potential control eventually to the Mirror. Meanwhile, Mr O'Reilly is unlikely to have ruled out his own paper-backed bid.

OFT launches enquiry into pre-paid funerals

By Sara McConnell
Personal Finance Correspondent

THE Office of Fair Trading (OFT) is to investigate the potentially multi-million pound pre-paid funeral business after fears that many people may be persuaded to pay for more expensive funerals than they need.

Sir Bryan Carsberg, the director-general of fair trading, said: "Pre-paid funerals no doubt give many people peace of mind. But it is also important to be alert to the possible mis-selling of over-elaborate funeral arrangements to elderly or vulnerable people who perhaps cannot really afford them.

"People also need to be assured that a service which, in extreme cases, may have been purchased and paid for decades before, will actually be delivered, where and when it is needed or that reasonable efforts will be made to give a refund to the estate, when by mischance the service is not provided at the time of death."

■ If a quarter of the population over 50 bought pre-paid funerals, the funds accumulated by the pre-paid funeral business could amount to £5 billion

Pre-paid funeral plans mark a shift away from traditional funerals paid for at the time of death. Some plans are sold by insurance companies. These are usually whole-of-life plans, committing the policyholder to continued regular payment of premiums for the rest of their lives or until retirement. They will pay out a fixed sum to cover some funeral expenses at death but they are not inflation-proofed. Alternative plans are marketed by undertakers. These allow people to specify what sort of funeral they want and pay a lump sum at existing prices to guarantee the style of funeral.

However, the OFT calculates that if even a quarter of the 20 million people in the UK over 50 bought a pre-paid funeral plan costing £1,000, this would accumulate funds of £5 billion. These funds are not regulated or covered by any existing regulation because they represent advance payments for services and are not defined as savings, investments or insurance.

The cost of funerals has escalated from an average of £166 in 1976 to £1,048 now and has prompted many people to take out pre-paid, inflation-proof funeral plans.

About 100,000 plans, worth £100 million, are believed to have been sold since the idea was launched in Britain in the mid-1980s but the market is virtually unregulated.

Britain's funeral industry has been split over what codes of practice should be established.

The Funeral Planning Council and the National Association of Pre-Paid Funeral Plans, have already set up codes of practice. As a result of the enquiry, the OFT may support these codes. Alternatively, it may call for additional safeguards for consumers.

The OFT is also investigating criticism of traditional funeral arrangements. It is particularly concerned at lack of transparency in the pricing of funerals, at lack of procedures for handling complaints against funeral directors and lack of effective disciplining of companies failing to observe existing codes of practice.

The OFT's investigation was welcomed by the National Association of Funeral Directors, a founder member of the National Association for Pre-Paid Funeral Plans. NAFD said of the enquiry: "It is not before time and NAFD wishes to see proper attention given to ensuring safeguards are in place, offering maximum protection to the consumer."

The association has been working in close consultation with the OFT in strengthening its code of practice, which was developed with the OFT.

Wellcome news from AZT study

WELLCOME, the pharmaceutical giant, said a new study found that AZT, its anti-Aids drug, cuts the risk of transmission of the HIV virus from infected pregnant women to their babies by two-thirds, from 25.5 per cent to 8.3 per cent. The shares fell 13p to 643p, however.

The study began in April 1991 with 748 HIV-infected women between 14 and 34 weeks pregnant. Of the 364 infants for whom test results were available, 53 had HIV, of which 40 were born to mothers receiving placebos and 13 to those taking AZT. The study was sponsored by the US National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and France's Institut National de la Santé et de la Recherche Medicale.

Merrydown shares fall as sales miss targets

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

SHARES in Merrydown Wine, the cider maker, slumped 57p to 162p after losses in the second half, which includes the all-important Christmas season.

"We have fallen well short in our sales targets for cider in the current year," admitted Richard Purdey, the chairman. "The principal area of problems has been the independent sector, which is serviced by cash and carries."

Merrydown said at half time, when profits were £930,000 pre-tax, that the Christmas period would be as crucial as ever in determining full-year figures.

The company said that in common with many other drinks companies, Christmas sales were disappointing, particularly for cider. Sales, after poor trading in the holiday period, low restocking in January and unimproved market conditions in the final quarter to end-March, are likely to be 20 per cent short of targets this year and 10 per cent down on last time, with a "considerable adverse effect" on profits.

The final results, when available in the summer, would be unlikely to show "more than a modest profit".

As a result, the market has been warned of a possible dividend cut. So far, 1p has been paid at the interim stage, and the decision on whether to repeat last year's final of 6p would be made once the results for this year and current trading for next were known, the company said.

☐ IDV, the drinks arm of Grand Metropolitan, is setting up a company to distribute vodka in the former Soviet Union. It has established a 50:50 joint venture partnership with Coromin, an importer and marketing company, to distribute IDV's leading brands, including Smirnoff vodka, J&B scotch whisky and Baileys Irish Cream, in Kazakhstan. The new company, to be called IDV Central Asia, will also sell to a network of distributors in other regions.

Paul Curtis, IDV's president of international marketing, says the deal is a "great opportunity for developing the strength of IDV's international brands in emerging markets". With a population of 17 million, Kazakhstan has the largest economy in central Asia. The market for vodka, the dominant spirit in the region, is estimated at around 7 million cases a year, about 40 per cent larger than in Britain.

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JOHN MANNING



Monty Sumray, chairman and managing director of FII, where profits plunged

Recalls put FII off its stride

WEAKENING margins and substantial exceptional charges saw pre-tax profits at FII Group, the footwear and medical equipment manufacturer, plunge from £3.5 million to £551,000 for the six months to November 30 (Susan Gilchrist writes).

The company, whose chairman and managing director is Monty Sumray, is holding the dividend at 6p, although it will have to dip into reserves to meet the payment, which is uncovered by earnings.

Pre-tax profits in the footwear division dropped from £2.9 million to £1.5 million, affected by continuing weak margins, rationalisation costs and a £300,000 provision for a product recall after an error in one shoe design.

The scientific division reported a £1.2 million loss against a £200,000 profit last time. The loss was caused by the cancellation of an important development contract and a major product recall.

Music companies sued in pensions dispute

Golden oldies rock record giants

From Philip Robinson
in New York

SIXTIES rock stars, who never thought they would grow old, are suing 55 record companies, including Thorn EMI and their own union, claiming $750 million in back pension payments.

The pensioners of pop include those who have made millions with chart-topping hits, won Grammy Awards for their work and joined the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame. But many now find their total pension accounts to be worth less than $3,000.

The former stars include Sam Moore, half of the Sam and Dave duo, whose *Soul Man* won them a 1967 Grammy, Carl Gardner of The Coasters, who sang *Yakety Yak*, three who sang with The Drifters on the hit, *Up On the Roof*, and the heirs to stars like Mary Wells, whose big hit was *My Guy*, but who died in poverty of cancer almost two years ago.

They complain that in the past 35 years the record companies failed to put away a percentage of the royalties from their songs for pensions and that their union, Aftra Health and Retirement Fund, failed to properly administrate their money. All are accused of breach of contract and violations of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act and the record companies are also accused of fraud and racketeering.

A former union officer said in an affidavit that by April last year, 19 record companies had fallen $39 million behind with their pension payments for earnings of artists in the 1980s and 1990s. The largest was MCA, owing $13 million, Sony at $6 million and PolyGram, $5.67 million in arrears.

Under the 1958 Aftra National Code for Fair Practice in Phonographic Recording — known as the Phono Code — record companies agreed to contribute a percentage of the money generated by a recording — usually a tenth of the artists' royalties — to the union's health and retirement fund.

The artists allege that in many cases the companies under-reported earnings, withheld payments for years at a time and failed to pay anything at all.

But the companies and the unions say the accusations are fantasy and that claims of missing millions are wildly exaggerated. They admit small amounts may be due, but from disagreement over the figures, not fraud.

Norman Samnick, a lawyer for three of the record companies and a trustee of the union's health fund, is reported as saying in response: "Somebody must be smoking something."

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Share prices fall sharply as bonds shake-out continues

STOCK MARKET

THE London stock market was again testing the 3,350 support level as share prices fell sharply in response to the continuing shake-out on world bond markets.

The FT-SE 100 index opened sharply lower after Friday's heavy losses in the domestic and US bond markets. Attempts at a rally proved futile, with share prices closing near their low of the day on the back of a futures related sell-off in late trading that saw the March series close at 3332.0. The index ended 32.3 points down at 3,350.3.

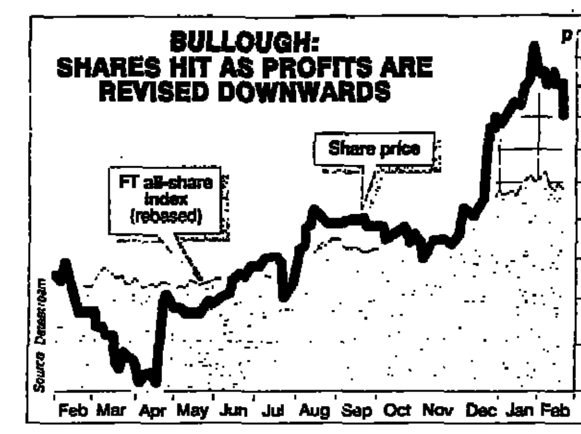
Dealers described it as a creditable performance by the equity market, which produced buyers at the lower levels. But with Wall Street shut, investors in London decided it was probably safer to remain on the sidelines. As a result, trading conditions were thin and the turnover level of 506 million shares was one of the lowest so far this year.

Last night, investors in London were facing up to today's speech to Congress by Alan Greenspan, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, with some trepidation. They fear it may signal a shift in American economic policy.

Among leaders, **Rank Organisation** resisted the downward pull, with a rise of 10p to £10.83 on talk of share split. **SmithKline Beecham** was steady at 406p before figures today. **Wellcome** fell 13p to 643p in spite of a report indicating the use of Retrovir cut the risk of transmitting the HIV virus from an infected mother to her unborn child by two-thirds.

Stanhope, the property developer quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, jumped 14p to 42p after it was announced that *British Land* had bought a near 30 per cent stake in the company from Bank of Nova Scotia, paying 10p a share.

The 49.63 million shares will be transferred to the joint venture company British Land controls with George Soros's Quantum Fund. British Land said it intended to participate in any restructuring of Stanhope, which owns the Broadgate development in the City of London, and was seeking meetings with the company and its bankers. British Land firmed 4p to 428p. **Vistec**, the USM-quoted computer servicing and components group, held steady at 29p. There should be news soon that the group has dipped into its £6 million cash balance. Bob Morton, chairman, is thought to have run-up a sizable phone bill with long transatlantic calls.



But the outcome could be good news for shareholders. The word is he is about to double the size of Vistec's servicing division with the £2 million-plus acquisition of the subsidiary of a major US company.

Bullough fell 12p to 161p after cutting its full-year profits by £1.4 million to £7.78 million after discovering a shortfall in assets of a branch of its Central Refrigeration division. The group has started an investigation, but was unsure how much could be recovered from the insurers.

Merrydown, the cider and drinks maker, tumbled 54p to 159p after it said that it would record only a modest profit for the year to March.

Low & Bonar, the packaging specialist, rose 8p to 408p. Pre-tax profits last year recovered from £22.1 million to £31.6 million.

Essex Furniture touched 284p before profit-taking left the shares 2p down at 272p after reporting a 14 per cent increase in first-half, pre-tax profits to £703,000.

Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group, fell 4p to 587p in spite of a firmer platinum price. Full-year figures to March, will be accompanied by an analysts' briefing by David Davies, the chairman, in London on June 9.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts suffered their third consecutive day of losses, with most of the sell-off again occurring in after-hours trading. The March series of the long gilt traded in narrow limits for much of the day, but after the official close fell sharply, touching a low of £114.

It finished £1¼ lower at £114¹¹/₃₂ with 83,000 contracts traded.

At the longer end of the cash market, falls extended more than a point, with Treasury 9 per cent 2012 tumbling £1⅝ to £120⅛. In shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was £⅜ lower at £113¹³/₁₆.

□ **NEW YORK:** The stock market was closed yesterday for President's Day.

MICHAEL CLARK

MARKETS AT A GLANCE

THE POUND

US $ .... 1.4760 (-0.0017)
German mark ..... 2.5495 (+0.0090)
Exchange index .... 80.7 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 .... 3350.3 (-32.3)
Dow Jones .... Closed
Nikkei Avg ... 19393.94 (+434.34)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 5¼%
3-month Interbank 5⅛-5¹/₁₆%
US Federal Funds 3⁵/₁₆%*
3-month Treas Bills...... 3.29-3.27%*
Long Bond 6.63%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4820*	£:$	1.4748
$:DM	1.7140*	£:DM	2.5519
$:SWfr	1.4449*	£:SWfr	2.1499
$:Ffr	5.8250*	£:Ffr	8.6770
$:Yen	104.63*	£:Yen	156.77
£:SDR	1.0596	£:ECU	1.3150

Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 379.75 .... PM 380.00
Close 380.00-380.50
New York:
Comex 380.05-380.55*

OIL

Brent Crude .. $13.15 per bbl (Apr)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 141.3 Jan (2.5%) Jan 1987=100
* Denotes Friday's closing price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.02
Austria Sch	18.81	17.31
Belgium Fr	55.40	51.00
Canada $	2.092	1.932
Cyprus Cyp£	0.794	0.744
Denmark Kr	10.53	9.73
Finland Mkk	8.84	8.04
France Fr	9.08	8.36
Germany Dm	2.69	2.48
Greece Dr	389.50	364.50
Hong Kong $	12.09	11.09
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lira	2565.00	2410.00
Japan Yen	171.00	154.00
Malta	0.617	0.562
Netherlds Gld	2.994	2.764
Norway Kr	11.57	10.77
Portugal Esc	268.00	249.50
S Africa Rd	5.75	4.85
Spain Pta	214.50	200.50
Sweden Kr	12.27	11.47
Switzerland Fr	2.28	2.10
Turkey Lira	27213.0	25713.0
USA $	1.578	1.448

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Low & Bonar delivers bumper profit package

BY COLIN CAMPELL

LOW & Bonar's results for the year ended November 30, announced by the Dundee-based packaging group yesterday, were as crisp as Kelloggs' cornflakes, for which it makes all the cartons in Britain. The shares rose 8p to 408p.

Pre-tax profits were 43 per cent higher at £31.6 million before exceptionals (£22.1 million) on turnover that increased 20 per cent to £368.9 million. The final dividend is lifted from 6.4p to 7.1p, making a year's distribution of 10p (9.1p) a share.

Jim Leng, chief executive, said that half of the profits increase was derived from organic growth and half from acquisitions made during the year. There was a £1.6 million profits benefit stemming from exchange-rate movements.

Last March, the group raised £50.2 million via a one-for-four rights issue at 265p. In April, Low & Bonar bought Cereal Packaging, Kellogg's folding cartons company, for £33.5 million, and in June it bought CMB Carton Systems, a French company, for £17.5 million. The group has a five-year contract with Kelloggs, with guaranteed volumes, and contracts with other groups that include packaging of frozen foods.

Mr Leng said there was now a better shape and an improved balance to the group, adding that "even in a lower growth market, we can still perform". He said: "A little bit of sales growth goes a long way on the bottom line."

There was an 8 per cent underlying revenue growth, and the UK now accounts for 55 per cent (47 per cent) of operations, with North America accounting for 21 per cent (17 per cent) and the Continent for 24 per cent (36 per cent).

For the first time, overall margins were in double figures, at 10.3 per cent (8.8 per cent). The group derived no benefit from raw materials prices during the year.

Norman McLeod, finance director, said that gearing had been reduced from 30 to 8 per cent, and there had been a net cash inflow of £25 million during the year.

Low & Bonar believes that virtually all of its non-core interests have now been shed, and the group remains anxious to expand within its core markets.

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Jim Leng says Low & Bonar is a better shape

Shake-out at Kynoch Group after loss

BY SARAH BAGNALL

KYNOCH Group, the specialist healthcare equipment company, yesterday announced a management shake-out and the sale of its large capacity sterilisation unit in an attempt to restore profitability.

An exceptional charge of £249,000 helped to push the company into a loss of £644,000 in the year to December 31, 1993, compared with a pre-tax profit of £958,000 last time. No dividend was paid.

John Salkeld, the chairman, said: "Whilst the losses preclude an early return to the payment of dividends, the board retains this objective as an integral part of its policy to return the group to profitability and to expand organically and by acquisition."

Senior management responsible for the contamination control business have been removed and the company's head office has been relocated to Andover, Hampshire. The total cost of these changes was £135,000, but Mr Salkeld said that he expected resulting savings of £423,000 in 1994.

The cost, along with a charge of £238,000 relating to a change in provisioning policy for slow-moving stock, a £100,000 profit on a sale and leaseback deal, and £24,000 profit on the sale of a business resulted in the exceptional loss of £249,000.

The company's large capacity sterilisation unit has been sold to SEC for an initial consideration of £418,000, of which £370,000 has been paid. The unit contributed £1.4 million to total group turnover of £15.9 million, compared with £1.9 million of last year's total of £15.2 million.

Mr Salkeld said that trading within the group had stabilised in recent months.

Unipalm ready with £6m share placing

BY OUR CITY STAFF

UNIPALM, the Cambridge computer software and service supplier, is planning a Stock Exchange listing in March or April after a share placing that will raise £6 million.

Unipalm expects to command a market capitalisation of between £15 million and £18 million.

George Hayter, a former managing director of the trading markets division of the London Stock Exchange, has been appointed the company's non-executive chairman.

In the three years ended April 30, 1993, the original Unipalm business saw turnover rise from £2.96 million to £8 million, and pre-tax profits from £646,000 to £897,000. In the six months to October 31, pre-tax profits of the original business were £461,000 on sales of £4.35 million. However, Unipalm's Public IP Exchange subsidiary, Pipex, is still in the development stage, and start-up costs have cut the group's pre-tax profits in the six months to October 31 to £148,000 on total sales of £4.93 million.

Unipalm supplies a range of products and services that enable different computer systems to communicate locally and worldwide. Unipalm has two principal operating companies — the original Unipalm distribution business, and the Internet connection provider that Pipex launched in January 1992.

3i invested £1 million in Unipalm to refinance the business in August 1992.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		ICI	760p (-14p)
Man United	675p (+11p)	Cater Allen	630p (-14p)
Bletchley Motor	403p (+18p)	Gerrard National	475p (-23p)
GUS	632p (+8p)	Kleinwort Benson	599p (-15p)
Elec Data Prcs	585p (+10p)	SG Warburg	904p (-12p)
Mitel	473p (+68p)	Allied Lyons	607p (-13p)
Park Foods	329p (+19p)	Bass	508p (-11p)
FALLS:		Merrydown	159p (-54p)
Carlton Comm	937p (-10p)	Whitbread	536p (-11p)
Wellcome	643p (-13p)	Berkeley Group	558p (-12p)
Yorks Chem	470p (-10p)	ADT	709p (-10p)
Kingfisher	614p (-10p)		
Kwik Save	593p (-11p)		

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RECENT ISSUES

Alpha Airports (140)	169	-1	Parkside Intl (110)	125	...
Chiroscience (150)	151	...	Slimma (120)	142	...
Clinical Computing (150)	155	-10	Taiwan Inv (100)	93	-1
Coda (235)	265	...	Taiwan Inv Wts	45	...
Computerised Fin (90)	138	-8	Thornton Pan Euro Wts	12	...
Energy Capital (50)	58	...	Thornton Zero Div Pf	51	-¼
Energy Capital Wts	28	...	Trifast (200)	215	...
Herald Inv Tst (100)	94	...	RIGHTS ISSUES		
Herald Inv Wts	47	...	Beauford n/p (20)	15	...
K'wort Euro Pt (50)	42	-½	Berisford n/p (120)	112	...
K'wort Euro Pt Wts	38	-1½	Carlisle n/p (11)	21½	+1
Mithras Inv Tst (50)	50	...	Spring Ram n/p (53)	21	-3
Mithras Inv Wts	27	...	Utility Cable n/p (10)	26½	+1½
Pantheon Wts	83	...	Worthington n/p (51)	10	...

Fund management boosts Govett & Co

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

GOVETT & Co, the Anglo-American investment company, boosted pre-tax profits 21 per cent to $54.6 million last year after an "exceptional" performance from its fund management activities. The dividend for the year rises 17 per cent to 28 cents.

Earnings per share jumped 38 per cent to 62.1 cents, boosted by the share buy-back scheme, which has seen the number of issued shares shrink from 81 million to 71 million in the past two years.

The company said growth in funds under management should be achieved through rising market values, sales of existing products and new products. It is planning to launch four funds this year, starting with a global smaller companies fund for which marketing starts this week.

Govett has recovered from a half-year drop in funds under management to a 31 per cent increase at the year-end to $8.5 billion. The near-term objective is to boost the US mutual fund business to more than $1 billion from $340 million today.

Income from fund management was 27 per cent higher at $19.6 million. The life insurance and annuities business suffered a 4 per cent fall in income to $18.4 million, blamed on the non-performance of equities worth $10 million. Ian Whitehead, the chief financial officer, said these should begin to yield returns this year or next.

Development capital investment income fell from $6.99 million to $4.5 million.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	10,000	Cadbury	950	MEPC	1,000	Scot Power	1,300
Abbey Natl	2,300	Caradon	884	Marks Spr	2,600	Sears	2,600
Alld-Lyons	1,100	Carlton Cms	1,200	NFC	1,100	Svrn Trent	429
Anglian W	1,100	Coats Vyla	764	NatWst Bk	3,000	Shell Trans	2,200
Argyll Gp	3,200	Cm Union	275	Nat Power	3,000	Siebe	1,400
Arjo Wiggn	662	Courtaulds	796	Nth Wst W	941	SmKl Bch	2,400
AB Foods	424	Enterpr Oil	525	Nthn Fds	599	Smith Nph	2,300
BAA	1,200	Forte	4,200	P & O	1,700	Sthern Elec	1,500
BAT Inds	3,400	GRE	772	Pearson	1,000	Std Chartd	358
BOC	1,300	GUS	2,900	PowerGen	1,200	Sun Allnce	934
BP	7,100	Gen Acc	675	Prudential	1,100	TI Gp	662
BTR	2,600	Gen Elec	3,300	RMC	287	TSB	2,100
BT	5,700	Glaxo	2,300	RTZ	1,500	Tesco	2,400
Bk of Scot	996	Granada	3,100	Rank Org	812	Thames W	1,600
Barclays	2,000	Grand Met	3,600	Reckitt Col	382	Thm EMI	1,800
Bass	1,000	Guinness	1,200	Redland	848	Tomkins	936
Blue Circle	1,000	HSBC	4,100	Reed Intl	522	Unilever	1,300
Boots	1,000	Hanson	4,000	Rentokil	898	Utd Bisc	459
Bowater	1,000	ICI	624	Reuters	156	Vodafone	1,500
Brit Aero	1,000	Inchcape	811	Rolls Royce	2,800	Warburg (SG)	178
Brit Airwys	888	Kingfisher	1,000	Ryl Ins	1,800	Wellcome	1,200
Brit Gas	2,900	Ladbroke	2,600	Ryl Bk Scot	1,200	Whitbread	511
Brit Steel	1,700	Land Secs	1,900	Sainsbury	2,700	Wilms Hld	1,300
Burmah Cast	990	Legal & Gn	278	Schroders	15	Wolseley	161
Cable Wire	4,700	Lloyds Bk	2,000	Scot & New	584	Zeneca	435

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... Closed
S&P Composite .... Closed

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 19393.94 (+434.34)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 10456.45 (-369.43)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 425.53 (-1.33)

Sydney: AO .... 2178.5 (-44.7)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2119.53 (-32.44)

FT 30 share: .... 2585.3 (-21.1)

Brussels:
General .... 7716.99 (-36.00)

Paris: CAC-40 .... 2213.88 (-37.90)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 710.40 (-11.50)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1686.96 (-16.06)
FT Non Financials .... 1798.86 (-16.83)
FT Gold Mines .... 209.5 (-7.9)
FT Fixed Interest .... 127.42 (-0.79)
FT Govt Secs .... 103.19 (-0.77)
Bargains 32894
SEAQ Volume 506.1m
USM (Datastrm) .... 170.70 (+1.34)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
Feb 21	March 4	June 2	June 13

Calls on 21/2/94: African Lakes, Amberley, Aminex, Bardon, Beauford, Betterware, BM, Cannon St, Carlisle, Division, Ennex Int, Greenwich Res, Ibstock Johnsen Wts, Kell Minerals, Microfocus, Millwall, Rodime, Scot Nat Cap, Wilshaw. Put: Bardon. Puts & Calls: African Lakes, Amberley, Betterware, Carlisle, Division, Ennex Int.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Mar 94	3358.0	3368.0	3320.0	3332.0	16937
Previous open interest: 71831	Jun 94	3358.0	3377.0	3350.0	3345.5	3166
Three Month Sterling	Mar 94	94.84	94.85	94.83	94.83	3920
Previous open interest: 433168	Jun 94	94.95	94.97	94.94	94.96	6462
	Sep 94	94.91	94.94	94.91	94.93	3207
Three Mth Eurodollar	Mar 94	96.30	96.31	96.30	96.31	214
Previous open interest: 13875	Jun 94	95.94	95.96	95.94	95.95	340
Three Mth Euro DM	Mar 94	94.34	94.27	94.22	94.23	12740
Previous open interest: 982150	Jun 94	94.68	94.72	94.66	94.67	26881
Long Gilt	Mar 94	114-31	115-15	114-00	114-11	97648
Previous open interest: 152976	Jun 94	114-05	114-17	113-11	113-18	17162
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 94	113.50	113.53	113.16	113.27	526
	Jun 94	112.25	112.25	111.88	112.00	2096
German Gov Bd Bund	Mar 94	97.83	97.99	97.21	97.38	205965
Previous open interest: 220487	Jun 94	97.72	97.83	97.09	97.34	11449
German Gov Bd Bobl	Mar 94	101.79	101.85	101.52	101.55	927
Previous open interest: 9237	Jun 94				101.75	0
Three month ECU	Mar 94	93.77	93.82	93.77	93.80	625
Previous open interest: 38844	Jun 94	94.26	94.31	94.24	94.34	507
Euro Swiss Franc	Mar 94	95.94	95.96	95.92	95.94	5472
Previous open interest: 65157	Jun 94	96.18	96.18	96.13	96.14	5694
Italian Govmt Bond	Mar 94	114.90	115.48	114.35	114.56	55750
Previous open interest: 102475	Jun 94	115.00	115.50	114.39	114.58	3922

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 80.7 (day's range 80.5-80.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Feb 21	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.8478-2.8654	2.8619-2.8654	par-⅛ds	par-⅛ds
Brussels	52.28-52.61	52.51-52.61	4-7ds	14-20ds
Copenhagen	9.9260-9.9730	9.9420-9.9570	⅜-1⅛ds	2⅛-3⅛ds
Dublin	1.0400-1.0440	1.0406-1.0436	7-10ds	24-30ds
Frankfurt	2.5379-2.5535	2.5502-2.5535	⅛-⅛ds	⅜-⅝ds
Lisbon	257.81-259.66	259.03-259.66	67-128ds	235-349ds
Madrid	207.51-208.33	208.03-208.33	53-63ds	176-191ds
Milan	2469.90-2476.40	2470.60-2474.60	6-10ds	21-23ds
Montreal	1.9745-1.9807	1.9745-1.9774	0.26-0.20pr	0.47-0.43pr
New York	1.4743-1.4780	1.4743-1.4753	0.21-0.20pr	0.56-0.53pr
Oslo	10.9910-11.0250	11.0090-11.0250	⅜-⅝pr	⅜-⅞ds
Paris	8.6340-8.6840	8.6700-8.6840	⅝-⅞ds	2¼-2⅝ds
Stockholm	11.7170-11.7640	11.7220-11.7450	1⅛-2⅛ds	5⅛-6⅞ds
Tokyo	156.04-156.90	156.64-156.90	⅜-⅛pr	1⅛-1pr
Vienna	17.82-17.95	17.89-17.93	⅛-⅞ds	⅛-1⅛ds
Zurich	2.1385-2.1514	2.1483-2.1514	⅛-⅛pr	⅜-⅛pr

Source: Extel — Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4738-1.4764
Australia dollar	2.0662-2.0693
Bahrain dinar	0.5575-0.5635
Brazil cruzeiro*	862.68-864.46
Cyprus pound	0.755-0.765
Finland marka	8.1395-8.2555
Greece drachma	365.0-372.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.4122-11.4175
India rupee	45.94-46.90
Kuwait dinar KD	0.434-0.444
Malaysia ringgit	4.1017-4.1061
Mexico peso	4.52-4.62
New Zealand dollar	2.5772-2.5813
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.4845-5.6105
Singapore dollar	2.3521-2.3558
S Africa rand (fin)	6.7628-6.8118
S Africa rand (com)	5.1075-5.1155
U A E dirham	5.368-5.492

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.3993-1.4003
Austria	12.12-12.13
Belgium (Com)	35.53-35.57
Canada	1.3398-1.3403
Denmark	6.7495-6.7515
France	5.8625-5.8685
Germany	1.7245-1.7255
Hong Kong	7.7292-7.7302
Ireland	1.4157-1.4197
Italy	1674.6-1675.6
Japan	106.10-106.20
Malaysia	2.7780-2.7800
Netherlands	1.9358-1.9363
Norway	7.4696-7.4716
Portugal	175.40-175.55
Singapore	1.5930-1.5950
Spain	140.85-140.95
Sweden	7.9477-7.9577
Switzerland	1.4540-1.4550

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¼ Finance Hse 5½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5½ Low 4 Week fixed: 5⅛
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 4⅞; 3 mth 4⅞. Sell: 2 mth 4²⁵/₃₂; 3 mth: 4²⁵/₃₂.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	4²⁹/₃₂-4⅞	4⅞-4²⁹/₃₂	4⅞-4²⁹/₃₂	4⅞-4²⁹/₃₂	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆
Interbank:	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆

Overnight: open 5½, close 4.

Local Authority Deps:	5¹/₁₆	n/a	5¹/₁₆	5¹/₁₆	5¹/₁₆
Sterling CDs:	5¹/₁₆-5	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5¹/₁₆-5	5¹/₁₆-5	5¹/₁₆-5
Dollar CDs:	3.27	n/a	3.52	3.74	4.09
Building Society CDs:	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆	5⅛-5¹/₁₆

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Jan 31, 1994 Agreed rates Feb 26, 1994 to Mar 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.70%. Reference rate Jan 1, 1994 to Jan 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.434%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2²⁹/₃₂	3⅛-3¹/₁₆	3⅛-3⅛	3¹¹/₁₆-3⁹/₁₆	3½-2½
Deutschemark:	6⅛-5⅞	6⅛-5⅞	5⅞-5¾	5¹¹/₁₆-5⁹/₁₆	6½-5½
French Franc:	6⅞-6½	6⅞-6⅜	6⅝-6⅜	6-5⅞	6⅞-5½
Swiss Franc:	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4⅛	4⅛-4	4-3⅞	4½-3½
Yen:	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2¼-2⅛	2⅛-1½

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $380.10-380.50 Close: $380.00-380.50 High: $382.15-382.65 Low: $379.25-379.75 Krugerrand: $379.50-381.50 (£256.50-258.50)

Sovereigns: Old $89.00-91.00 (£59.50-61.50) New $89.00-91.00 (£59.50-61.50)

Platinum: $398.25 (£269.80) Silver: $5.19 (£3.515) Palladium: $133.25 (£90.30)

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
Alld Lyon	600	31	41½	51	15	33½	39½
(*608)	650	9½	19	29½	46	65	70
Argyll	240	23	28½	32½	7	16	19½
(*252½)	260	12	18	22½	17	27½	30½
ASDA	50	9½	12½	13½	2	3½	5
(*57)	60	4	6½	8	6	8	10½
Boots	500	47½	57½	64	5½	17	21½
(*536½)	550	15½	31	37	26	42	45½
Br Airways	460	26	39	48	14½	29½	32
(*468)	500	9½	21	31	40	53	58½
BP	360	19	30	36	13	21	27
(*363)	390	7	16½	23	32	39½	44
Br Steel	140	10½	16	19½	7	11½	14½
(*142½)	160	3	7	10	20	24	27
C & W	450	36	50	—	9	21½	—
(*472)	475	20½	35½	—	18½	31½	—
CU	600	38	56	60½	12½	22	29½
(*632½)	650	14	30	35	39	48½	56
ICI	750	30	48	56	31½	47½	58½
(*759½)	800	11½	27	35½	68	78½	90
Kingfshr	600	36½	50½	61	18½	35½	44½
(*613½)	650	14	28	39	48	65	73
Land Sec	700	38	48½	55½	9½	26	39½
(*723)	750	12	22	30	35	54½	57½
M & S	420	23	31	38	9½	20	22
(*429½)	460	6	14	20	34½	43½	45
Nat West	500	39½	55½	61	16	24	29
(*535)	550	16½	31	37	43½	51	56
Sainsbury	360	18½	26½	33	15½	29	31½
(*360½)	390	7	14	21½	34½	47½	50½
Shell	700	27½	45½	52½	17	26½	35½
(*720½)	750	7	21	29	51	58	64
Smkl Bch	390	29½	41½	50½	14	25	32
(*405)	420	16	28	36	30½	41	48½
Storehse	220	23	29½	33½	4	9	12½
(*236)	240	10½	17½	23	12½	18½	22
Trafalgar	100	14	19	—	6	9	—
(*112)	115	9	15	—	11	15	—
Unilever	1150	67	82½	104½	20½	33½	42
(*1199)	1200	34	53	74	44½	57½	65
Zeneca	750	40½	56	70½	23	39½	47
(*778½)	800	14½	34½	47½	53	64	75
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Grnd Met	420	31	42	59½	1	8	15
(*448½)	460	1½	18	27½	14	25½	33½
Ladbroke	180	21	25	29½	1	8	12½
(*199)	200	3	13	19	3½	18	23
Utd Bisc	330	16	25	30½	1	13	18½
(*345½)	360	1	9½	16½	17	32½	37

February 21, 1994 Tot: 35195 Call: 15257 Put: 19938 FT-SE Call: 6322 Put: 7760
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Apr	Jul	Oct	Puts Apr	Jul	Oct
BAA	950	61½	77½	96	14	30½	38
(*987½)	1000	31½	48½	68½	35½	53½	61½
Thames W	550	31½	41½	48	12	29	32½
(*565½)	600	9	17½	25	40½	61½	62½
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAT Ind	475	8	—	—	3	—	—
(*479½)	500	1	14	24½	24	43½	50
BTR	360	10	21½	29	2	17½	23½
(*367½)	390	1	8½	16	24½	36½	41½
Br Aero	500	34½	59½	74½	4	29	36½
(*530½)	550	4½	34	50½	24½	55	63
Br Telcm	420	23	33½	42	1	7	16½
(*441)	460	1	11½	20½	21	27	36½
Cadbury	493	26	31½	—	1	14	—
(*517)	542	1	8½	—	28	44½	—
Guinness	500	20	33½	47	2	23½	32½
(*515)	550	1½	11½	25	38	55½	63
GEC	330	4	17	23	3	12½	21
(*331)	360	1	5½	11	31	33	41
Hanson	280	3½	12	16	2½	12	16
(*281)	300	1	5	9	20½	25½	29
LASMO	120	10	18½	24	1	9	14
(*129)	130	2	13	19	3½	13	19
Lucas	220	6½	16½	24	2	12½	17
(*224½)	240	1	7½	15	17½	24½	29
Pilkngtn	180	21	26½	31½	1	4½	10½
(*199)	200	2½	13½	19½	4	12½	19
Prudential	330	5½	15	22	3	17	22½
(*333)	360	1	4½	11	29	40	43½
Redland	550	34½	47½	57	1	19½	30½
(*582½)	600	2	21	32½	20	48½	58
Royal Ins	288	20½	—	—	1	—	—
(*306½)	317	1½	—	—	12½	—	—
Tesco	220	10	18	24	1	12½	15½
(*228)	240	1	8	15	14	24½	27½
Vodafone	600	18	46	65	2	25	41½
(*614½)	650	1	24	42½	37½	54½	68½
Williams	390	8	23	29	2	18	24
(*396)	420	1	8	16½	36	38½	42½

FT-SE INDEX (*3350)

	3250	3300	3350	3400	3450	3500
Calls						
Mar	116	82	55	33	19	11
Apr	134	108	79	59	41	28
May	165	135	106	84	63	49
Jun	193	155	125	103	82	65
Dec	—	237	—	187	—	142
Puts						
Mar	32	49	72	102	142	184
Apr	57	77	99	128	160	197
May	76	95	116	144	173	209
Jun	91	111	131	160	188	222
Dec	—	172	—	219	—	273

Series		Calls Mar	Jun	Sep	Puts Mar	Jun	Sep
Abby Nat	500	22½	33	44½	13	23½	31
(*513½)	550	3½	14	23½	49	55	60
Amstrad	35	3	5	7	2½	4	5½
(*36)	40	1½	3½	5	6	7½	8½
Barclays	550	34	46½	58½	10½	22	32
(*576)	600	8½	23	34½	39½	50	59
Blue Circ	360	15½	23½	35	13	26½	36
(*361½)	390	5	12½	23½	33½	47	55
Br Gas	330	16	23	28	5½	15	19
(*338½)	360	3	9½	14½	24	35	38
Dixons	200	14½	22½	27	5	11	18
(*207½)	220	4½	13½	18	16½	21½	29
Forte	240	22	26	32½	3	11	15½
(*256½)	260	8½	14½	23	11	21½	26
Hillsdwn	160	19½	22	25½	2	7	9
(*176)	180	6	10½	15½	8½	18½	21
Lonrho	140	21	27	32½	3	7½	13½
(*157)	160	8	16	22	11	16½	23½
Sears	110	10½	13	16	2	4½	6½
(*117½)	120	4	7	9½	5½	9½	12
Thrn Eml	1100	56½	90	109½	13	31½	55½
(*1137½)	1150	29½	61	79	34	54½	79
Tomkins	260	11½	20½	26	7½	13½	21
(*262)	280	3½	11½	17	21½	29½	32½
TSB	240	14	22½	31	5½	12½	18
(*246)	260	5½	13	21½	18	24	29½
Wellcome	600	55	72	91½	8½	29½	36½
(*642½)	650	23½	45½	65	28½	49½	62
Series		Apr	Jul	Oct	Apr	Jul	Oct
Glaxo	650	49½	71½	84½	20	38½	50½
(*680)	700	22½	47½	60½	50½	65½	84
HSBC	950	72	109½	134	55	87	103
(*976)	1000	48½	86	110½	82	112	128½
Reuter	2050	96	147	185½	82	117½	145
(*2062½)	2100	64½	121	160	111	150	170
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
R-Royce	176	4	—	—	2	—	—
(*177½)	195	1	—	—	19	—	—
Series		Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Fisons	120	14	20½	25½	4½	10½	14
(*129)	130	8	15½	21	9	15½	19½
Series		Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
Eastrn Ele	650	15½	39	52½	2	19½	36½
(*661½)	700	1	16	29½	40½	49	66
Series		Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Natl Pwr	460	42½	53	59½	3½	10½	19½
(*495½)	500	14	28	37	14½	29½	36½
Scot Pwr	420	23½	36½	45	7½	16	26½
(*433½)	460	5½	17½	26	31	38	48½

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: With the US markets closed for the Presidents Day, activity in the softs was subdued. LCE cocoa held on to last Friday's gains, but there is some debate as to whether the market has resumed its bull trend. Coffee had a similarly dull day, with producer price fixing capping any attempt at a rally. Some support has been seen from the earthquake in Sumatra, a major Robusta producing area.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	918-917	May	996-993
May	933-932	Jul	1005-1003
Jul	941-940	Sep	1015-1014
Sep	953-952	Dec	1030-1015
Dec	968-966		
Mar	984-983		Volume: 6866

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Mar	1242-1241	Nov	1244-1241
May	1249-1248	Jan	1244-1240
Jul	1242-1241	Mar	1240-1234
Sep	1241-1240		Volume: 3478

NO.7 PREMIUM RAW SUGAR (6.00pm)

		Oct	11.05-11.80
Spot: 274.30		Jan	unq
Mar	11.15-11.33	Mar	—
May	11.60-11.78	May	—
Jul	11.95-11.96		Volume: 25

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Dec	293.2-91.1
Spot: 317.0		Mar	293.7-91.1
May	311.5-11.4	May	296.7-93.5
Aug	309.5-09.0	Aug	300.7-95.5
Oct	294.7-94.0		Volume: 497

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on February 21

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	74.22	121.07	124.51
(+/-)	+1.79	+7.23	+0.77
Eng/Wales:	74.23	121.10	124.60
(+/-)	+1.59	+7.20	-0.84
(%)	+1.0	-23.6	-20.9
Scotland	74.00	120.87	123.29
(+/-)	+7.51	+7.24	-0.31
(%)	-42.8	-66.1	-54.8

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	...	Mar	unq	...
Sep	unq	...			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Mar	100.30
May	101.60
Jun	101.75
Sep	90.45
Nov	91.35
	Volum: 487

BARLEY (close £/t)

Mar	103.40
May	103.95
Sep	91.95
Nov	93.90
Jan	95.50
	Volume: 46

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	...
Dec	...
Feb	...
Apr	...
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Mar	unq	135.0
Apr	109.0	109.0
May	128.0	127.5
		Volume: 109

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Mar 64.25-64.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): Now that the outstanding February North Sea cargoes had been sold, the outlook was more optimistic.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	13.05	n/c
Brent 15 day (Mar)	13.05	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Apr)	13.15	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	n/a	
W Texas Intermediate (Apr)	n/a	

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	150 (n/c)	152 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	138 (-2)	140 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Mar	141 (n/c)	143 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Apr	140 (-1)	142 (-1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	77 (+1)	79 (+1)
Naphtha	131 (-2)	134 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Mar	138.00-38.25	Jun	137.50-37.75
Apr	137.50-37.75	Jul	139.50-39.75
May	137.00-37.25	Aug	142.00-42.25
			Vol: 8137

BRENT (6.00pm)

Apr	13.14-13.15	Jul	13.58-13.60
May	13.32 BID	Aug	13.75-13.79
Jun	13.44-13.49		Vol: 7588

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Mar	142.50 BID	Jun	unq
Apr	unq	Jul	...
May	...		Vol: 0

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Feb 94	1132	1132	1132
Mar 94	1145	1140	1145
Apr 94	1210	1204	1210
Jul 94	1100	1099	1100

Vol: 193 lots. Open int'st: 2626 Index 1128 -5

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1863.5-1864.0	1866.0-1886.5	663825
Lead ($/tonne)	474.50-475.00	489.00-489.50	108875
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	963.00-964.00	980.50-981.00	465400
Tin ($/tonne)	5624.0-5625.0	5620.0-5625.0	28510
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1291.5-1292.5	1312.5-1313.0	1380500
Nickel ($/tonne)	5870.0-5872.0	5930.0-5935.0	44022



Squaring up: since the breakdown of talks between President Clinton and Morihiro Hosokawa, Japan believes the US is threatening sanctions

Tough-talking Clinton could knock Japan into shape

Trade friction with America will prolong recession, but that is what is needed to make Japan reform, Joanna Pitman says

Japan's senior economic officials may not now welcome the bellicose bluster and threats of trade sanctions the US Administration has rained on them, but they could one day be grateful. Since the breakdown of bilateral trade talks between President Clinton and Morihiro Hosokawa, Japan's Prime Minister, Washington's short-term intention has appeared to the Japanese to be to threaten sanctions, so as to force liberalisation of Japanese markets. This, the theory goes, would make Japan more open to imported American goods and would reduce Washington's embarrassing $60 billion annual trade deficit with Tokyo.

Japanese government officials believe the US government is overstepping its mandate in demanding that Japan accept "numerical targets" for the import of certain American goods. Struggling with their first true recession since the second world war and a seven-month-old, and manifestly unstable, seven-party coalition government, they are in no mood to bow to American demands. These are described by one director-general at the Ministry of International Trade and Industry as "unreasonable, interfering and a retrograde step for the international development of free trade".

The outlook for recovery in Japan is still bleak. The US Administration's threats, which appear to have triggered another surge in the value of the yen against the dollar, is being interpreted in Tokyo as aimed at hobbling Japanese exporters. The yen's appreciation is making Japan's economic outlook gloomier than ever.

The resulting prolongation of the recession could, however, ultimately act in Japan's favour. More and more Japanese are realising that the country has reached a crossroads. Many of the political, economic and cultural structures set up at the end of the last century remain more or less intact. They have created the world's most successful economy in a remarkably short time, but the prevailing view is that these structures no longer correspond to economic realities. A consensus is building that backs a radical shake-up of the economy. Thorough deregulation, reform of the administrative, tax and political systems and a revolution in corporate culture is considered necessary. But if the economy limps back towards a partial recovery this year, the bold and painful measures deemed essential will probably not be implemented.

"Without a continuation of the slump, companies may not take the radical steps required for a really fundamental restructuring," said Johsen Takahashi, an economist at the Mitsubishi Research Institute. "If they don't do that, the Japanese economy has no hope." What is required for a long-term return to economic strength is, ironically, just what the Americans are calling for: a move away from the existing managed economy, which is production-oriented, to a liberalised and consumer-oriented economy in which free competition is the norm.

> 'If companies do not take radical steps towards restructuring, Japan's economy has no hope'

Reform is considered necessary in four broad areas. First, deregulation of the plethora of rules, licences and unofficial guidelines that allow bureaucrats to dictate the direction of the economy and to restrict competition. Japan's bureaucratic machine is a colossus, consisting of 860,000 mandarins working in 12 ministries and ten ministerial agencies. Obtaining permission to move a bus stop ten metres can take two or three years; dozens of licences are needed for a supermarket.

The second requirement is reform of the tax system, which artificially pushes up the savings rate. This gives priority to corporate investors, as opposed to individuals, and stifles enterprise. Third, the political structure must be drastically altered so that vested interests can no longer prevent changes in the status quo.

Finally, Japan's companies need to change their ways. Traditional employment structures must be adapted to suit economic realities, strategy must become more imaginitive and innovative, without the helping hand and protection of "government guidance", profits must be maximised and returns on investment improved, irrespective of existing "relationships", which tend to encourage unprofitable investment.

"For the first time in many years, we are questioning the sustainability and the validity of many of our systems," said Toyoo Gyoten, chairman of the Bank of Tokyo and formerly a senior Finance Ministry official. "Our traditional employment system, our corporate culture, our market structures are all under scrutiny ... the Japanese are at a critical juncture."

If Japan fails to make significant structural adjustments, economists believe that economic growth could shrink to less than 2 per cent a year for the rest of the 1990s, even after the recession ends. "We cannot expect to return to growth levels of 5 or 6 per cent a year," said Mr Takahashi. "That kind of economic dynamism will simply not re-emerge unless we pursue a thorough restructuring." He forecast growth averaging 1.5 per cent during the first decade of the next century. Forecasts of slow growth derive from two factors. One is the cost of capital, which is expected to continue to increase as banks and insurance companies face greater competition and therefore seek higher returns. The cost of capital has risen significantly since the late 1980s, when it hovered a fraction below zero, and is identified as one reason for the disappointing performance of the Tokyo stock market. Financial institutions are becoming unwilling to hold equities because they offer insufficient returns.

The other factor is the aging of Japanese society. At the turn of the century, it is predicted, the proportion of the population aged 65 or over will be 16 per cent, compared with 15 per cent in Britain and 13 per cent in America. Long-distance forecasters reckon that by 2025, it will be 24 per cent, against 19 per cent in Britain and 20 per cent in America.

"Japan's corporate leaders are more or less unanimous that they must change their entire business structures," said Nobuyuki Saji, chief economist at the Nikko Research Centre. "In the short term, this will be painful. Rationalisation of the employment system, for example, will mean redundancies. Our unemployment rate will rise from 2.9 per cent to 4 per cent in the next few years, placing new burdens on central finances." Mr Saji estimates that Japanese wholesalers, for example, are 40 per cent less efficient than those in the US and that removing this disparity would mean 900,000 redundancies.

Such considerations encourage conservatives to advocate slow reform. The strongest opponents are those who have most to lose: the multitudes of blue-suited gentlemen who work in the bureaucracy. They will resist President Clinton's demands. But in the long term, resistance will be difficult because the need for change is already widely recognised. Unless the economy is suddenly and miraculously revived, the wheel of change will soon begin to turn.

TEMPUS

Casualties of war

VSEL's rapid decision to shed another 500 jobs is further proof, if any was needed, of what a hostile environment the defence contracting industry has become. Last Friday the company learnt it had narrowly lost the beauty parade to take Britain's place in the European common new generation frigate project to a joint bid by GEC and British Aerospace. This left it with no alternative but to pare its costs to match is shrinking order book. VSEL's modest means and constrained balance sheet make immediate action vital.

The loss of the frigate contract makes the hole in VSEL's order book look ever wider. The second Trident submarine will soon be handed over to the Royal Navy, and while work continues on the last two and the AS90 self-propelled gun, the workload is looking distinctly finite. VSEL must rely on better luck in its offer to build the replacement assault ships and the next generation of submarines to feel relaxed about its future.

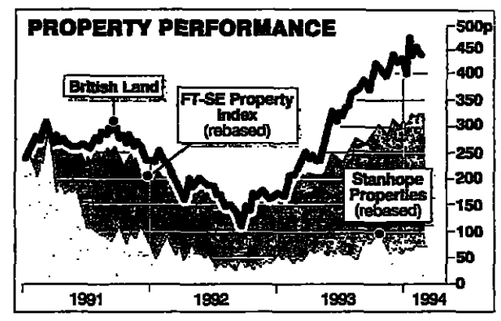
The Ministry of Defence is looking at a series of new orders this year that will have a similar impact on people's livelihoods and other shareholders' wealth. Most important for the City right now is the MoD's order for a new light attack helicopter, the replacement for the Lynx, which is the joker in GKN's bid for Westland. Westland is bidding with McDonnell Douglas to supply a version of the Apache. If it wins, Westland will look a very attractive financial prospect indeed, although GKN freely admits it has not attached any value for the contract in its bid. That is something that may give Westland shareholders pause for thought before they accept the GKN offer.

British Land/ Stanhope

STANHOPE sent out its official SOS message last October, in the form of a widely leaked restructuring document, but the rescue party that has come galloping into view is unlikely to be the white knight that Stuart Lipton and his colleagues hoped for. Stanhope badly needs an equity injection, and having refinanced and ring-fenced the Broadgate assets, its only trump card is its stake in Broadgate Properties.

Broadgate was one of the best property developments of the 1980s, and even after the property collapse is probably only marginally overrented. A takeover of the assets would be a major success for British Land and would reassure its partner, George Soros, who has yet to see a deal which fits the ambitions of their £1 billion joint venture. British Land's decision to seek to acquire the Broadgate assets via a £5 million investment in Stanhope is canny. Stanhope is in more critical need of funds than the receivers of Rosehaugh, who hold the remaining stake and can afford to wait for other bids.

British Land hopes that a deal with Stanhope, which ensures the latter's survival in exchange for the Broadgate shares, will strengthen its hand in any negotiation with Rosehaugh's receivers. Securing Stanhope's pre-emption rights should ensure that British Land has first refusal if a competitive bid for Broadgate ensues. The keys to Broadgate would be a rich prize in a City office market beginning to emerge from three years of depression. British Land is anxious for that prize, but will drive a hard bargain with Stanhope.



Cider

MERRYDOWN'S admission that it will now not make a profit in the second half of 1993, which included Christmas, prompts unkind reflections about the organisation of celebrations in breweries, or wassails in cider vats at any rate.

There should be no great surprise that the fizz has finally gone out of the cider market, given the way the four big players have been relentlessly cutting each other's throats for more than a year. Cider was going to be the great untapped drinks market of the 1990s.

The manufacturers believed that a few high-spending, discerning consumers, prompted by clever marketing, could easily be deflected into buying the stuff in preference to wines and expensive lagers, and only a couple of market share points did wonders for the bottom line.

But the industry, having built a strong market for the product in recent years, is losing it to leaner players. Every big grocery multiple was always going to produce its own clone, at a few pence a bottle cheaper; more important for Merrydown, the sort of margins the cider boys enjoyed were an open invitation to low-price competition from anywhere. Meanwhile, several cider firms wasted time and resources launching expensive, indistinguishable and unwanted new brands at each other's expense. This will not be the last bad news from the sector.

Low & Bonar

FEW companies win the rewards of an acquisition as fast as Low & Bonar has from last year's purchase of Cereal Packaging from Kellogg. The business fitted so neatly into Low's existing operations that it increased productivity by 18 per cent at a stroke.

Indeed, the £34 million acquisition has proved so successful that last year's £50 million rights issue looks unnecessary. Strong cash flow in the second half has cut group debt to only £11 million. But the shares now trade 54 per cent above the rights price, so investors can hardly complain.

Besides, Low now has the resources to make other acquisitions. The group has no continental packaging operations, or specialist material businesses in the US, and both are on its shopping list.

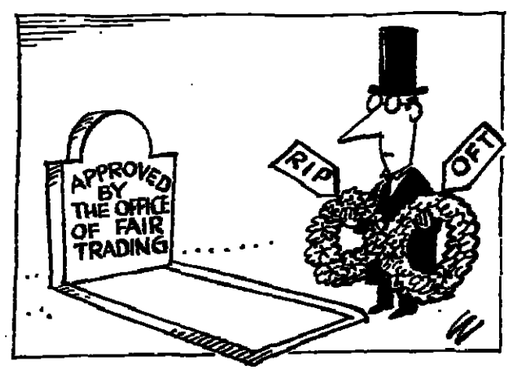
Until then, Low has more work in North America. The rationalisation that hit results in 1992 is already taking effect, increasing profits from the region by 78 per cent last year. But operating margins in the US are still less than 7 per cent.

The issue that clouds Low's share price is the risk that the supermarket price war will depress the group's food packaging business. That aside, Low's profits in 1994 should be strengthened by a full contribution from last year's acquisitions and margin gains in the US. At 408p, the shares trade on 15 times current year earnings forecasts, which is fair until doubts about the food war are settled.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Waive from victor Ritblat

JOHN Ritblat is on a roll. Not content with swooping on a sizable stake in Stanhope Properties, developer of the Broadgate complex, the chairman of British Land is out to corner another market — one not far from his fashionable Nash villa that overlooks Regent's Park. Ritblat, who prides himself on his sporting prowess, last week took on actor David Conville for a game of real tennis at Queens — and the stakes were high. If Ritblat lost, he would chip in £25,000 towards the annual Shakespeare open air season at Regent's Park. If he won the game, the actor would have to buy him dinner at the restaurant of his choice. Ritblat, who plays squash nearly every day and thrives on such challenges, duly won the bet, but then — of all things, weakness! In an uncharacteristic climbdown, he not only waived the bet, but agreed to sponsor the entire Shakespeare season — a noble gesture that will set him back several noughts. Ritblat, who in the past has sponsored the Round the Island Race at Cowes, was unavailable for comment yesterday. He is sunning himself abroad.



De Zoete revamp

SENIOR changes at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, where Tim Coghlan, chairman of BZW Equities, is to retire at the end of March after 34 years in the City. Old market hands will be interested to learn that he hands over to Simon de Zoete, current chairman of BZW's corporate broking arm, de Zoete & Bevan. As the reshuffle goes on, Nick Brigstocke will move into the top seat at de Zoete & Bevan, and Andrew Adcock and David Porter will become joint managing directors.

Bid boomerang

COMPANIES in bid situations should not throw boomerangs. GKN's latest circular about the merits of its bid says: "Over the last eight months, Westland share price has increased significantly for reasons which do not always appear to be connected to the strength of its underlying business. For example..." And so it goes on. What GKN does not say is that on November 22, and again on December 6, encouraging brokers' notes about Westland were issued by SG Warburg ... which just happens to be GKN's own broker.

Catterick campers

THE mysterious wild cats prowling the backwoods of Britain could be put to good use in North Yorkshire, where soldiers at the massive Catterick garrison near Richmond are facing an embarrassing dilemma. Last September, about 12 wild boar escaped from a farm near Easby, and two of the hairy beasts remain uncaptured, despite an intensive search. The pair, possibly male and female, are believed to have holed up in Hipswell wood on Ministry of Defence land near the army base, and locals fear an outbreak of young boar. The MoD has been meeting with Richmondshire District Council in an attempt to find a solution, but not even the winter snowfalls have been able to flush out the deserters. Sounds like one for Asterix ...

More bruises

IT never rains but it pours for Prudential Securities, which used to be called Prudential-Bache before it paid up almost $400 million in fines to settle allegations of fraud and of misleading investors. The firm is attempting to repair its badly bruised image through an advertising campaign in America costing $22 million, using two members of staff and phrases which convey the feeling of "trust me". Barely had the first ad been screened, when one of their star performers was sued for $750,000 by an 81-year-old Roman Catholic priest alleging that the broker duped him into a $125,000 investment, which later collapsed, and then ignored his telephone calls. The broker's copy line: "I try to recommend investments that won't jeopardise my client's last years on the planet."

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High Dist 174.70 185.60 - 2.50 4.04
International 409.80 435.40 - 5.10 0.23
Intl Income 101.40 108.20 - 0.90 2.40
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(Accum Units) 483.70 514.50 - 2.60 1.24
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Smaller Cos 23.34 24.74 - 0.32 ...
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Japan Index 82.90 88.39 - 0.28 0.10
Tiger Index 217.80 232.40 - 5.80 0.18
Trtde Index 129.00 137.70 - 0.90 1.53
UK Index 145.60 155.40 - 2.10 2.66
Active Funds
American Growth 489.60 522.50 - 1.50 0.16
Asian 60.92 65.02 - 1.07 ...
Capital 629.50 671.80 - 7.80 2.00
European Growth 111.50 118.40 - 1.50 ...
Global Bond 24.43 25.75 - 0.02 5.76
Hong Kong Gwth 127.10 135.60 - 4.30 0.50
Income 597.20 637.30 - 8.80 3.45
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Japan Growth 299.70 319.90 + 0.60 ...
Japan Smllr Cos 37.18 39.59 + 0.12 ...
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(Accum Units) 100.40 107.30 - 1.50 1.82
Extra High Inc 76.63 81.96 - 0.56 5.40
(Accum Units) 140.40 150.10 - 1.10 5.40
Gilt & Fxd Int 59.72 62.17 - 0.33 6.10
(Accum Units) 163.60 170.30 - 0.90 6.10
High Yield 249.60 267.00 - 2.40 4.27
(Accum Units) 599.10 640.70 - 5.90 4.27
Income 320.80 343.10 - 4.20 2.65
(Accum Units) 685.90 733.50 - 8.90 2.65
Japan Growth 347.80 372.00 ... ...
(Accum Units) 367.10 392.60 ... ...
Mandarin Tst 138.30 147.90 ... 0.59
(Accum Units) 144.60 154.60 ... 0.59
Money Market UT 49.24 49.24 + 0.01 4.68
(Accum Units) 74.71 74.71 + 0.01 4.68
Monthly Income 93.59 100.10 - 1.00 3.79
North American ... ...
(Accum Units) ... ...
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust
British 103.70 110.30 - 1.50 1.78
European Growth 107.40 114.30 - 1.50 0.02
Gilt & Fixed 87.97 93.39 - 0.47 5.94
Income 91.52 97.36 - 1.16 2.71
Japan Growth 56.75 60.37 + 0.09 ...
Managed 69.35 73.78 - 0.52 2.38
Money Market 92.98 87.96 - 0.02 4.57
North American 89.96 95.70 - 0.34 0.47
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British 94.19 100.20 - 1.40 1.76
European Growth 101.10 107.60 - 1.40 0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int 83.84 89.01 - 0.45 5.91
Income 89.94 95.68 - 1.13 2.68
Japan Growth 56.59 60.20 + 0.10 ...
Managed 66.35 70.58 - 0.50 2.35
Money Market 76.70 81.30 + 0.01 4.52
North American 81.93 87.16 - 0.30 0.56
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British 94.56 100.60 - 1.40 1.74
European Growth 98.70 105.00 - 1.40 ...
Gilt & Fixed Int 77.66 82.45 - 0.42 5.99
Income 89.39 95.10 - 1.14 2.69
Japan Growth 57.96 61.66 + 0.09 ...
Managed 69.70 74.15 - 0.53 2.34
Money Market 72.06 76.38 + 0.01 4.56
North American 90.85 96.65 - 0.34 0.43

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Smaller Cos 34.64 36.80 - 0.08 1.03
Special Features 33.96 36.08 - 0.45 1.17
(Accum Units) 40.48 43.01 - 0.54 1.17
General Funds
Assets & Earnings 80.72 85.76 - 1.25 1.69
Accum Units 97.05 103.10 - 1.50 1.69
General Equities 77.50 82.34 - 1.03 2.48
Great British Cos 55.29 59.10 - 0.71 1.52
Managed Invest 105.00 112.10 - 0.70 1.05
PEP Managed 75.70 80.79 - 0.69 1.95
Rupert Child Tst 85.79 91.49 - 1.24 1.04
UK Growth 62.81 67.12 - 0.91 1.39
High Income Funds
Cashbox (Dist) 50.08 50.08 + 0.01 3.64
Cashbox (Acc) 57.38 57.38 + 0.01 3.64
Extra Income 91.50 97.87 - 1.16 4.28
Gilt 29.79 31.38 - 0.17 5.78
Income & Growth 44.98 47.96 - 0.58 2.93
Mimstar Gilt & FI 81.78 83.58 - 0.26 7.20
Preference Shares 19.84 21.08 - 0.05 5.68
UK Income 356.90 383.10 - 4.60 2.82
Sector Specialist Funds
Fin Securities 73.73 78.33 - 0.94 0.50
Property Shares 87.49 94.02 - 0.67 0.98
Overseas Growth Funds
American Growth 52.72 56.01 - 0.16 0.51
US Smaller Cos 124.60 131.80 - 0.10 ...
(Accum Units) 125.90 133.20 + 0.10 ...
Europe Perf 152.80 162.20 - 1.60 ...
(Accum Units) 157.90 167.60 - 1.80 ...
Euro Smaller Cos 29.14 30.91 - 0.07 ...
French Growth 80.75 85.87 - 1.54 ...
Accum Units 86.51 92.00 - 1.64 ...
H Kong & China 102.00 109.80 - 2.40 0.34
Intl Growth 60.36 64.13 - 0.55 ...
Accum Units 60.66 64.45 - 0.56 ...
Japan Perf 36.36 38.60 + 0.21 ...
Accum Units 36.36 38.60 + 0.21 ...
Japan Smaller Cos 43.68 46.41 + 0.12 ...
Singapore ASEAN 118.20 127.60 + 0.60 ...
Accum Units 119.00 128.70 + 0.60 ...
SE Asia 355.30 377.50 - 1.80 ...
Overseas Income Funds
Global Income 98.60 105.00 - 0.90 1.31
Intl Bond 58.80 59.61 - 0.26 6.00

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071 581 3020
American Cap 180.90 192.40 - 1.30 ...
Income 153.06 162.83 - 0.73 3.68
Res & General 157.50 165.40 ... ...
UK Growth 56.44 60.04 - 0.04 0.90
International 90.69 96.47 - 0.89 0.23
Ecology 87.20 92.76 - 0.36 0.56
European 118.10 125.35 - 1.45 ...
Far Eastern 359.40 382.30 - 2.40 ...

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Income Trusts
Extra Income 60.08 63.91 - 0.72 6.10
(Accum Units) 83.67 89.01 - 1.00 6.10
Gilt Yield 125.60 132.60 - 0.70 6.68
(Accum Units) 367.00 387.50 - 2.20 6.68
Global Income 240.10 255.40 - 2.50 3.38
(Accum Units) 533.50 567.60 - 5.70 3.38
High Yield 150.90 160.90 - 0.44 5.15
(Accum Units) 450.50 479.30 - 1.23 5.15
Smllr Cos Div 62.60 66.60 - 0.27 2.60
(Accum Units) 78.56 83.57 - 0.34 2.60
Capital Growth Trusts
Amer Smllr Cos 98.97 105.30 - 1.31 .
(Accum Units) 102.50 109.00 - 1.30 ..
North American 80.60 85.74 - 0.13 0.29
(Accum Units) 98.51 105.10 - 0.20 0.29
European Special 94.74 100.80 - 0.90 1.24

(Accum Units) 99.39 105.70 - 1.00 1.24
European 157.90 168.00 - 1.90 1.17
(Accum Units) 206.70 219.90 - 2.40 1.17
General 300.90 320.10 - 2.90 2.81
(Accum Units) 501.50 533.50 - 4.90 2.81
Japan 448.00 476.60 - 3.10 ...
(Accum Units) 453.00 481.90 - 3.10 ...
Japanese Special 258.80 275.30 - 0.80 ...
(Accum Units) 260.00 276.60 - 0.70 ...
Master Accum 261.20 277.90 - 2.00 0.77
Pacific 368.20 391.70 - 3.70 0.37
(Accum Units) 431.80 459.40 - 4.30 0.37
Smaller Cos 126.80 134.90 - 0.10 0.86
(Accum Units) 171.90 182.90 + 0.20 0.86
UK Equity Growth 46.92 49.91 - 0.49 1.55
(Accum Units) 87.85 93.46 - 0.90 1.55

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071 629 1683
Global Inc & Gth 67.82 72.16 - 0.42 0.80
Inv Trust 74.54 79.30 - 0.82 ...
Cautious Inc/Gth 61.93 65.89 - 0.39 1.60
High Inc Acc 59.82 63.64 - 0.41 4.40

LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD
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031 550 5151
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Extra Income 27.48 29.23 - 0.31 3.10
Far East 32.80 34.89 - 0.29 0.25
Income & Gwth 83.07 88.37 - 1.03 3.37
Intl Growth 60.49 64.35 - 0.66 0.32
Japan 67.80 72.13 - 0.37 ...
Maximum Dist 99.73 101.70 ... 6.97
Nth Amer Equity 42.46 45.17 + 0.04 0.12
UK Equity 99.01 105.30 - 1.30 2.09

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Intl & General 453.70 463.00 ... 0.55

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Inc & Growth Inc 61.15 65.05 - 0.59 3.84
Smaller Cos 58.35 61.75 - 0.15 0.81

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Growth Trust 267.60 284.70 - 2.20 1.55
High Income 118.40 126.00 - 1.20 3.49
International 102.40 108.90 - 0.80 0.40
Recovery Trust 69.70 74.15 + 0.08 1.17
European Trust 87.26 92.83 - 0.54 0.70
Japanese Trust 48.01 51.07 - 0.17 ...
American Trust 84.62 90.02 - 0.42 ...
Managed 70.92 75.45 - 0.81 0.37
Cash 51.67 51.67 + 0.01 3.98

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
21 Moorfields. London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0946
UK Cap 374.90 380.80 ... 2.52
UK Inc/Gth 407.30 413.40 ... 2.79
UK Income 280.20 284.80 ... 3.36
UK Sm Cos 270.30 279.70 ... 1.30
Euro Gwth 123.70 124.60 ... ...
N Amer Gwth 84.04 85.04 ... 0.22
Jap & Pac Gth 86.92 88.15 ... ...
Money Mkt 117.53 117.53 ... 2.340

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Equity Income 107.90 114.80 - 1.40 3.22
UK Tactical Allocn 59.11 62.77 - 1.10 3.54
European 117.40 124.90 - 1.70 0.60
Far Eastern 253.80 270.00 - 1.20 ...
Fixed Interest 56.66 60.19 - 0.11 6.43
Gilt 98.63 104.60 - 0.60 5.66
Global Growth 83.53 88.86 - 0.64 0.29
Intl Bond 56.68 60.20 - 0.24 4.62
Japanese 79.41 84.48 + 0.18 ...
North American 158.80 168.90 ... 0.24
Pacific Growth 133.70 142.20 - 1.40 ...
UK Index 66.07 69.73 - 1.02 2.61
UK Recovery 97.85 104.10 - 1.10 1.45
UK Smaller Cos 132.70 141.20 - 2.50 0.96
US Index 60.94 64.32 - 0.12 1.66
European Index 74.46 78.99 - 1.06 1.29
Japan Index 43.31 45.71 - 0.11 ...
Worldwide 90.07 95.82 - 0.68 0.98

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081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621
Growth 50.87 54.70 - 0.24 3.05
Income 62.67 67.03 - 0.79 3.47
Far East 62.35 66.68 - 1.14 ...
North American 104.60 111.90 - 0.20 ...
Global 105.60 112.90 - 0.70 0.61
European 90.60 96.84 - 0.71 0.80
Japan 118.20 126.40 - 0.80 ...
Intl Currency Bd 60.40 64.05 - 0.37 5.94
SE Asia 129.20 138.20 - 1.10 0.67
UK Cap Growth 97.48 104.30 - 1.30 1.77

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-do- Acc 809.80 861.50 - 3.30 2.41
Contl Euro Gth 63.39 66.73 - 1.11 0.88
-do- Acc 67.52 71.08 - 1.18 0.88
Extra Inc 276.30 294.00 - 3.50 3.24
-do- Acc 692.00 737.20 - 8.70 3.24
German Gth 122.20 128.70 - 1.50 0.06
-do- Acc 128.10 134.90 - 1.60 0.06
Growth Port 582.00 619.20 - 5.20 ...
-do- Acc 587.00 624.50 - 5.20 ...
Income 516.30 551.40 - 6.40 3.21
-do- Acc 1352.0 1439.0 - 17.00 3.21
Income Port 540.20 574.70 - 4.20 3.62
-do- Acc 555.10 590.60 - 4.30 3.62
Japan Growth 112.10 119.30 + 0.70 ...
-do- Acc 112.50 119.70 + 0.70 ...
Master Trust 61.95 65.91 - 0.51 1.10
-do- Acc 68.20 72.56 - 0.56 1.10
N American Gen 204.40 217.50 + 0.40 ...
-do- Acc 236.10 251.20 + 0.50 ...
NAm Sm Co Rec 155.90 165.90 - 0.20 ...
-do- Acc 159.10 169.30 - 0.20 ...
Pacific Basin 307.00 326.60 + 5.50 0.21
-do- Acc 325.70 346.50 + 5.80 0.21
Small Cos Rec 386.10 406.50 - 0.60 1.79
-do- Acc 507.10 533.80 - 0.90 1.79
UK Growth 91.35 97.19 - 0.99 1.95
-do- Acc 108.50 115.50 - 1.10 1.95
Worldwide Gth 344.90 367.00 - 2.80 0.16
-do- Acc 508.80 541.30 - 4.20 0.16

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American 68.04 73.00 - 0.29 0.30
General 92.81 99.58 - 0.95 2.30
Income 74.85 80.31 - 0.49 4.40
International 68.46 73.45 - 0.59 0.70
Japan 59.04 63.35 - 0.25 ...
Tst of Inv Trusts 73.43 78.79 - 1.07 1.50

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CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390
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Amer Recovery 477.50 505.00 - 1.20 0.35
Amer Smllr Cos 137.30 145.20 - 0.50 ...
Australasian 182.10 192.60 - 5.60 1.13
Capital 854.40 903.50 - 4.70 1.85
Charifund 749.60 757.10 - 7.90 4.82
Commodity 402.30 425.40 - 3.10 0.36
Compound Grth 969.70 1025.5 - 10.50 2.29
Dividend 42.90 45.40 - 0.50 3.90
Equity Income 374.80 396.30 - 2.50 4.36
Euro & General 519.00 548.80 - 2.40 0.46
Euro Dividend 74.80 79.10 - 0.60 3.24
Extra Yield 451.60 477.60 - 5.80 4.11
Far Eastern 398.30 421.20 - 5.00 0.19
Fund of Inv Tsts 648.40 685.70 - 7.70 1.72
General 64.60 68.30 - 0.80 2.04
Gilt Income 67.50 67.62 - 0.50 6.58
Gold 70.70 74.80 - 1.90 0.53
High Income 30.90 32.70 - 0.40 4.07
Intl Growth 82.20 86.90 - 0.70 0.70
International Inc 109.10 115.40 - 0.80 4.01
Japan & Gen 50.20 53.10 ... ...
Japan Smlr Cos 174.80 184.90 - 1.30 ...
Managed Income 29.90 31.40 - 0.30 3.55
Midland 69.50 73.50 - 0.30 2.31
Pension Ex 992.90 1017.7 - 11.40 3.61
Recovery 45.10 47.70 - 0.30 1.98
Second General 76.20 80.60 - 0.70 3.11
Smaller Cos 76.70 81.10 ... 2.30
Treasury 25.09 25.12 ... 4.67
Trustee 45.90 48.50 - 0.50 3.79

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High Income 314.50 334.50 - 3.50 4.07
Intl Bond 70.12 73.82 - 0.55 4.72
Intl Equity Growth 72.83 77.47 - 0.68 0.30
N Amer Growth 99.92 106.29 - 0.36 0.74
Special Sits Growth 23.76 25.27 - 0.17 1.50
UK Growth 396.20 421.40 - 4.90 2.30

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Joint Investors 1355.0 1386.9 ... 2.57

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Maldon General 153.80 158.20 ... 3.64

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Gilt & Fxd Int 186.60 196.30 - 1.00 6.85
Intl Growth 221.30 236.70 - 1.30 0.15
North American 187.50 201.20 - 0.90 0.33
Far East 294.80 315.30 - 3.70 0.79
UK Smaller Cos 183.20 195.90 - 0.20 1.32
European 81.81 87.53 - 1.14 0.20
Japanese Growth 49.08 52.33 - 0.02 ...
Managed Pfolio 72.17 77.12 - 0.70 1.31
High Income 198.70 212.50 - 2.80 3.82

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-do- Accum 179.70 191.10 - 0.88 1.58
UK Sel Pfolio 135.90 144.50 - 1.30 1.69
-do- Accum 154.90 164.80 - 1.30 1.69

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Managed Tst 72.22 76.83 . 3.15

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European 86.11 91.41 - 0.76 0.41
Income & Growth 83.08 88.20 - 0.81 2.39
Nth American 60.95 64.70 - 0.11 0.34
Far East 185.70 197.10 - 1.10 ..
Charities 126.60 134.40 - 1.30 3.19
Japan 59.41 63.07 - 0.01 ...
Emrging Mkts 135.90 145.30 - 0.90 0.16
Intl Growth 117.10 124.30 - 1.00 0.09
UK Growth 94.67 100.50 - 1.00 0.54

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American 208.80 222.00 - 0.30 ...
(Accum Units) 225.10 237.30 - 0.40 ...
American Opps 93.84 100.10 - 0.60 ..
(Accum Units) 95.06 101.40 - 0.50 ...
British Blue Chip 83.81 89.27 - 0.90 2.82
(Accum Units) 100.80 107.40 - 1.00 2.82
Cash 100.40 100.40 ... 4.70
(Accum Units) 133.10 133.10 ... 4.70
Emerging Mkts 144.10 154.90 - 1.00 ...
European Growth 255.40 270.90 - 3.70 0.59
(Accum Units) 274.90 291.60 - 4.00 0.59
European Income 88.28 93.54 - 0.91 2.61
(Accum Units) 115.60 122.50 - 1.10 2.61
General 533.40 590.30 - 5.00 2.05
(Accum Units) 1059 1129 - 10.00 2.05
Global Bond 133.30 140.20 - 0.70 3.68
(Accum Units) 153.60 161.50 - 0.80 3.68
Gold & General 102.20 108.70 - 4.30 0.45
(Accum Units) 196.60 211.40 - 4.30 0.45
Govt Securities 60.72 102.80 - 0.70 6.92
(Accum Units) 184.80 190.50 - 1.10 6.92
Income 162.50 173.10 - 1.80 3.94
(Accum Units) 346.40 262.60 - 2.70 3.94
International 470.60 501.40 - 5.10 0.56
(Accum Units) 627.60 668.80 - 6.60 0.56
Japan 199.70 211.70 - 1.90 ...
(Accum Units) 205.00 217.40 - 1.90 ...

New Europe 182.90 195.10 - 2.20 1.33
(Accum Units) 187.10 199.60 - 2.30 1.33
Pacific 141.40 150.80 - 0.60 0.55
(Accum Units) 150.40 160.40 - 0.60 0.55
Recovery 364.10 388.40 - 5.30 2.31
(Accum Units) 461.70 492.50 - 6.70 2.31
UK Smaller Cos 65.97 70.37 - 0.09 1.56
(Accum Units) 74.08 79.02 - 0.10 1.55
Portfolio 85.84 91.31 - 0.90 2.48
(Accum Units) 98.52 104.80 - 1.00 2.48

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Eurogrowth Plus 119.67 127.31 - 1.27 0.81
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UK Income Inc 82.37 87.63 - 0.92 5.55

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European Gth Inc 393.80 420.50 - 3.40 ...
Intl Gwth 203.00 216.80 - 0.90 ...
UK Equity Inc 190.50 203.40 - 2.00 2.88
UK Ind Trckr Inc 167.80 179.40 - 2.10 2.71
US Eq Ind Trk Inc 202.20 214.50 - 1.00 1.42
Japan Tracker 79.69 84.40 - 0.08 ...
Asian Trader 237.60 256.70 - 3.50 0.38
Managed Inc 156.70 168.50 - 0.70 1.59
Deposit Inc 99.96 99.96 + 0.02 4.67
Europa 179.60 192.50 - 1.70 ...
Genesis 167.70 182.40 - 0.30 ...
High Income 23.85 25.27 - 0.18 10.00

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Acumen 99.63 101.80 - 0.80 2.05
Acumen Inc 95.91 97.95 - 0.80 2.05
Acumen Reserve 88.15 89.06 - 0.53 6.63
-do- Inc 80.40 81.22 - 0.48 6.63
Americas Growth 186.70 191.90 - 0.10 1.21
Cash Income 49.60 50.10 + 0.01 4.46
Equity Income 105.20 108.10 - 1.10 4.15
European 76.68 78.10 - 1.00 0.76
Smaller Cos 85.89 89.44 - 0.12 0.89
Olympiad 71.63 73.69 - 1.37 ...
Global Bond 49.03 49.55 - 0.27 6.17
UK Growth 96.29 99.06 - 0.82 1.46
Pacific Growth 120.90 125.10 - 0.50 ...
Japan Growth 99.06 100.90 - 0.60 ...

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Dlg: 0705 882 680
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Open Cap Gth Inc 115.40 122.70 - 0.20 1.30
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American 45.74 48.73 - 0.37 1.62
Australian 361.60 387.90 - 9.30 ...
Conscience 77.01 82.18 - 2.14 0.43
European 205.00 218.00 - 3.00 0.69
Extra Income 80.61 86.02 - 0.89 5.16
Gilt & FI 61.37 64.76 - 0.29 5.71
Gold 64.94 69.82 - 1.77 ...
Income 59.78 63.76 - 0.79 3.65
Intnl 34.40 36.79 - 0.30 0.68
Jap Smaller Cos 373.90 398.80 - 1.70 ...
Sing & Malaysian 257.80 276.40 + 3.30 ...
Smaller Cos 33.01 35.49 - 0.09 0.56
Special Sits 39.15 42.09 - 0.40 1.46
Sterling Deposit 100.50 100.50 ... 4.50
Tokyo 88.50 94.40 - 0.61 ...
UK Equity 184.90 197.20 - 2.30 2.52
US Smaller Cos 120.50 128.80 - 0.70 ...

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UK Income 116.80 124.30 - 1.70 3.17
Gilt & Fixed Int 78.16 82.71 - 1.13 6.11
Higher Income 240.20 255.60 - 1.70 4.06
Smaller Cos 92.06 97.94 - 0.11 1.24
International 105.00 111.80 - 1.40 1.18

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European Dist 108.50 116.00 - 1.90 ...
Far East Dist 192.30 205.70 - 0.50 ...
Global Care Dist 77.61 83.00 - 0.39 2.28
Oseas Dist 1058.9 1132.5 - 8.20 0.33
UK Dist 363.00 388.20 - 5.30 1.93
UK Extra Inc Dist 81.63 87.30 - 0.87 3.43
Wwide Dist 109.00 116.50 - 0.60 ...
Wwide Inc Dist 74.18 79.34 - 0.76 1.88

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Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398
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Fund of Funds Inc 60.91 64.28 - 0.63 0.56
North America Inc 51.19 54.03 - 0.74 0.46
UK Equity Gth Inc 63.61 67.13 - 0.73 1.55
UK General Inc 61.80 65.22 - 0.79 1.96
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc 51.65 54.38 - 0.25 6.12
UK Income Inc 62.96 66.45 - 0.81 2.47

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Global 369.31 392.89 - 2.08 1.04
General 204.42 217.47 - 1.51 1.17
Bond 136.18 144.39 - 0.57 6.03
Growth 133.70 142.24 - 1.34 1.55
Intrepid 130.54 135.98 ... 1.70

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Master Trust 128.53 136.73 - 1.29 1.18
UK Equity 145.32 154.60 - 1.88 2.79
UK Equity Income 140.97 149.97 - 2.03 3.41
UK Smaller Cos 133.23 141.73 - 0.63 1.21
UK Equity Growth 135.14 143.77 - 1.57 2.51
UK Index Trckg 148.24 157.70 - 1.69 2.97
Intl Index Trckg 147.71 157.14 - 0.88 1.00
International 241.19 256.58 - 1.99 0.63
European 187.57 199.54 - 2.23 0.35
Pan European 131.80 140.21 - 1.78 1.14
Nth American 163.93 174.39 - 0.06 0.46
N Amer Smlr Cos 189.30 201.38 + 0.06 ...
Japanese 100.08 106.47 - 0.36 ...
Pacific 258.11 274.58 - 2.32 ...
South East Asian 286.92 305.23 - 2.50 0.19
Intl Bond 139.35 148.15 - 0.68 4.71
Gilt & Convertible 113.52 120.68 - 0.87 8.79
Property 83.04 88.34 - 0.12 5.58

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Growth 163.60 172.30 - 1.60 2.13
Income 255.70 271.90 - 3.30 2.99
Intl Equity 258.60 275.10 - 2.40 0.54
UK Income 70.27 74.75 - 0.87 2.58
UK Intl 25 81.92 87.14 - 0.96 1.51
New Europe 76.15 81.00 - 1.15 0.28

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
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Intl Gwth 629.07 672.81 - 5.29 0.08
Income 361.12 386.23 - 4.78 2.58
Wwide Recovery 397.66 425.31 - 4.91 0.23
Amer Growth Inc 233.25 249.47 - 1.02 0.01
Intl Emerging Cos 268.56 287.24 - 2.41 0.07
Far Estn Grth Inc 312.81 334.56 - 3.74 0.01
Euro Gwth Inc 146.18 156.35 - 2.29 0.55
UK Growth Inc 92.75 99.20 - 0.74 2.12
High Income 99.60 106.53 - 0.89 3.40
Jap Gwth Inc 237.39 252.25 - 2.45 0.01
PEP Growth 124.55 133.21 - 1.16 0.72
Asian Slr Mkts Inc 143.48 153.46 - 0.54 0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc 144.11 154.13 - 0.78 0.01
Global Bond 63.49 66.86 - 0.71 5.35
UK Smaller Cos Inc 86.93 92.98 - 0.36 0.90

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NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust
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London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966
American 113.16 120.38 - 0.56 ...
European 72.78 77.43 + 0.22 0.25
Global 73.82 78.53 + 0.12 ...
Pacific 72.10 76.70 - 0.18 0.05
UK Inc & Grth 71.02 75.55 - 0.13 1.80

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0533 550 540
BRI Director Digs 109.61 116.74 - 0.54 ...

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Portfolio 170.93 179.93 - 1.07 0.59

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Growth Income 65.74 69.68 - 0.28 1.24

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European Income 79.00 84.04 - 0.82 2.27
Extra Income 165.60 176.20 - 1.20 3.41
Far East 428.30 455.60 - 2.50 0.20
Global Income 28.58 30.83 - 0.22 4.05
High Income 126.20 134.20 - 0.70 3.15
International 223.30 236.50 - 1.80 0.36
Pref & Fxd Int 45.89 48.82 - 0.09 6.91
Recovery 87.45 93.03 - 0.62 1.57
Special Sits 116.00 123.40 - 0.60 1.37
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UK Blue Chip 72.02 76.62 - 0.12 2.50

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Broker Unit Trusts
Global Trustees 83.89 89.72 - 0.22 1.41
Global Portfolio 76.60 81.92 - 0.21 ..
Global Opps 75.93 81.21 - 0.24 0.43
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Overseas Gth 91.58 97.42 - 0.88 ..

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FA European 317.51 335.96 - 2.29 0.57
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Japanese 62.34 65.61 - 0.49 ...
European 100.66 105.95 - 0.73 ...
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UK Smaller Cos 89.98 94.71 - 0.12 ...
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America 105.42 110.96 - 0.09 ..
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European 98.28 103.44 - 0.71 ...
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Ryl Life Intl Spec 65.47 69.64 - 0.41 ...
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Mngd Balanced 196.72 204.91 - 1.52 2.31
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Recovery 2101.2 2188.8 - 17.19 2.25
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Japanese Inc 67.16 71.45 - 0.09 ..

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Japan 163.50 173.10 - 0.90 ..
New Pacific 430.50 460.50 - 3.90 0.65
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European 106.00 113.40 - 1.40 ..
Equity Income 100.50 107.50 - 1.40 3.42
Portfolio 91.87 98.26 - 0.93 0.53
UK Leading Cos 62.09 66.05 - 1.00 2.84
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Intnl Equity 74.29 79.45 - 0.20 ...

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Worldwide Growth 36.79 39.35 .. 0.24

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Mngd Extra Inc Inc 34.89 37.32 ... 3.36
Mngd High Yld Inc 87.30 93.37 ... 3.46
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Mngd Wwide Gth 40.07 42.86 ... ..
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Pacific Grth Port 50.52 54.03 ... ..

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European 113.25 120.48 - 1.54 0.19
Extra Income 216.25 230.06 - 3.12 3.51
Smaller Cos 82.55 87.82 - 0.59 0.69
General 307.34 326.96 - 4.72 1.90
Premier Income 56.30 58.64 - 0.28 5.52
Income 377.98 402.11 - 5.42 2.80
Pacific 453.07 481.99 - 4.80 ...
International 580.63 617.70 - 4.29 0.06
Nat Resources 178.02 189.38 - 0.77 0.04
Sktd Opps 120.24 127.92 - 1.41 0.77
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Selector 69.78 74.23 - 0.86 1.92
High Income 70.86 75.40 - 0.92 4.06
Intl Income 63.71 67.78 - 0.36 4.53
Selector Income 67.46 71.77 - 0.71 4.63

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Value Tst Inc 126.46 135.25 - 1.05 1.33

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Amer Smllr Cos 70.44 75.13 - 0.03 ...
European Opps ... ...
Dresdner Eur Bd 43.18 45.39 - 0.15 8.35
Japan Tst 90.14 96.05 - 0.86 ..
Little Dragons 112.73 120.24 - 2.01 0.39
Oriental Income 52.56 56.06 - 0.40 4.41
Tiger 318.16 339.37 - 3.77 0.47
UK Blue Chip 66.61 71.12 - 0.95 2.78
UK Smllr Cos 112.12 119.91 + 0.20 1.68
Formerly AEtna
Nth Amer Gwth 234.29 249.24 - 0.60 0.63
European Growth 285.09 302.44 - 3.38 1.07
Exempt 564.45 589.05 - 7.95 3.25
Far Eastern ... ...
UK High Yield 114.00 121.27 - 1.43 3.15
Iberian Growth 50.46 53.68 - 1.01 ...
Intl Growth 114.37 121.82 - 1.08 0.94
Preference 133.16 141.66 - 0.33 7.69
UK Recovery 291.65 310.27 - 2.73 1.80
UK Smlr Cos Div 113.04 125.25 - 0.34 4.04
Smaller Cos ... ...
UK Growth 544.20 578.94 - 6.78 1.94

WARDLEY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
3 Harbour Exchange Sqr. London E14 9GJ
071 955 5055
Exempt 371.70 391.30 ... 2.01

WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD
13 Charlotte Sq. Edinburgh 031 225 1551
Australasian Gold 33.92 36.06 - 0.91 ..
Pacific Basin 43.49 46.36 - 0.59 0.60
Can Balncd Gwth 38.65 41.11 + 0.87 ...
Global Bond (US$) 0.9352 0.9741 - 0.004 5.87
Penny Share 31.86 33.89 - 0.02 1.50

WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
2 Honey Lane. London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0462
Challenger 103.30 105.70 - 0.90 ...
Short Dtd Gilt 115.20 116.70 - 0.30 ...
US Govt Bd (US$) 0.7234 0.7326 - 0.000 2.27
Gilt Income 55.15 57.38 - 0.32 6.25
Gilt Growth 76.23 79.32 - 0.67 ...
City Reserve 52.06 52.06 + 0.01 4.36

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
2 White Oak Square. Swanley BR8 7AG
081 298 4000
Stockmarket Fd 82.08 87.29 - 1.19 1.61

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price: ... No significant data.

Shares marked lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began February 14. *Dealings end February 25.* §*Contango day February 28. Settlement day* March 7. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
524	345	Abbey Ntl	514	+1	11.6	3.9	19.8
314	179	Allied Irish	278	-2	...	3.7	14.2
279½	130	Ans New Z	256	-7½	...	3.5	20.1
3801½	2712½	Bankamerica	2900	+12½	...	...	...
319	177	Bk of Ireland	280	-3	...	4.5	20.7
450	325	Bk Leumi UK	450	...	20.0	5.8	∞
247	116½	Bank Scotland	234	-3	4.6	2.6	30.4
652	362	Barclays	577½	-½	...	2.7	...
38½	8	Carlisle	32½	+1½	...	...	...
655	395	Cater Allen	630	-14	28.0	5.6	...
180	85	Cattles	161	-1	...	3.5	21.4
2487½	1543½	Chase Manh	2300	...	...	...	...
2912½	1343½	Citicorp	2712½	-31½	...	...	...
509	250	Close Bros	509	-16	...	2.7	18.5
£151½	9171½	Commerzbk	£139½	-15½	...	2.8	...
£348½	£250½	Deutsche Bk	£322½	-237½	...	1.9	...
95	45	First Nat Fin	88 †	...	...	2.1	...
1651	826	Fuji Bank Y	1409½	+3½	...	0.4	...
529	343	Gerrard Nat	475	-23	21.5	5.7	12.6
1113	490	HSBC	977	-12	20.0	2.6	23.4
1133	474	HSBC HK	1001½	-10½	20.0	2.6	24.0
473	343	Hambros	401	-15	14.3	4.5	18.5
443	313	Joseph (L)	438	-3	16.7	4.8	...
170	95	King Shaxson	165	...	9.0	6.8	...
693	312	Kleinwort Ben	599	-15	18.5	3.9	∞
690	492	Lloyds	591 †	-6	...	4.7	12.5
118	83	Lon Scot Bk	114 †	...	3.4	3.7	19.7
620½	322	Nat Aust Bk	576	-3½	...	4.1	14.0
634	398	Nat West	536	-3	17.8	4.1	32.6
573	270	Provident	519	-5	12.4	3.0	22.5
67	39	Rea Bros	66	...	0.5	1.0	70.2
528	207	Ryl Bk Scot	473 †	-11	...	2.9	21.4
1460	987½	Schroders	1313	-20	...	1.1	26.2
1437	576	Stand Chart	1274	-38	20.5	2.0	...
291	145½	TSB	246 †	-1	...	3.9	16.8
206	78	Union Disc	205	...	3.0	1.9	∞
1012	529	Warburg SG	904	-12	...	2.7	13.2
9262½	4943½	Wells Fargo	9112½	+14½	...	3.0	...
280	121	Westpac	236	-8	...	2.3	∞
390	188	Wintrust	383	...	...	3.2	33.0

BREWERIES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
697	517	Allied-Lyons	607 †	-13	...	4.4	16.8
647	441	Bass	508	-11	...	4.9	13.5
299	180	Boddington	270	-5	7.5	3.5	15.7
459	362	Bulmer (HP)	449 †	-5	...	2.9	18.0
193	129	Burtonwd Brw	171 †	-3	4.7	3.5	14.3
181	75	Eldridge P 'A'▲	166	...	...	2.7	23.0
70½	50	Bourne Brewing	61½	+1	...	4.7	72.6
492	338	Fullr Sm 'A'▲	482	+2	7.5	1.9	20.7
506	373	Grand Met	448½†	-9½	...	3.6	19.5
511	347	Greenalls Grp	458 †	+3	...	3.4	15.8
594	505	Greene King	582	-6	...	2.9	15.1
542	388	Guinness	515½	-5½	...	2.9	19.3
80	31	Hardin Hldgs	71 †	...	...	...	55.4
281	230	Hardy Hanan	261 †	...	...	4.1	14.0
150	105	Heavitree▲	150 †	...	3.6	3.0	∞
457	255	Highland Distl	415	-5	...	2.0	20.6
3225	2538	Holt J	3163	...	42.0	1.7	20.6
186	118	Macallan-Glen	139	-10	4.3	4.0	31.0
465	365	Macdn Martn 'A'	445	...	...	2.5	21.2
246	164	Mansfield	214	-2	...	2.3	15.3
302	231	Marstn Thmp	294	-2	...	2.4	16.4
595	288½	Matthew Clark	558	...	...	4.1	31.6
300	125	Minydwn W	159	-54	7.0	5.5	14.2
580	455	Morland	513	...	...	2.4	17.6
12	6½	Paramount▲	10½	...	...	1.8	18.5
287	145	Regent Inns	261	-6	...	2.2	26.5
1521½	753½	SA Breweries	1268½	+3½	...	2.2	21.0
591	393	Scot & New	517	-10½	...	4.1	15.8
225	155½	Taunton Cider	162	-7	6.2	4.8	12.6
306	213	Vaux Group	275½	-9½	...	4.3	17.7
420	225	Wetherspoon JD	394	...	...	1.7	30.6
617	435	Whitbread	536	-11	...	4.2	12.9
613	463	Wolvrhmptn D	527	-7	...	3.0	14.8
528	475	Young 'A'	525	-3	14.7	3.5	21.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
308	173	Forwair	293	...	3.8	1.6	31.3
70	35	Sutcliffe Speak	65	...	...	...	...
490	412	Wardle Storeys	484	...	...	4.5	22.4
625	395	Wstmhuse E	625	...	17.0	3.4	21.4
493	330	Yorks Chem	470	-10	...	2.1	29.2
312	233	Yule Catto	307	...	...	3.4	19.1
869	593	Zeneca	781	-4	...	4.4	40.1
102	53	Alexon	76	...	...	4.9	...
248	173	Allders	230	-3	...	3.3	17.1
410	257	Argos Plc	360	-6½	...	2.5	30.7
25	8	Ashley Group	9	-½	...	2.6	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	97	+3	0.1	0.1	...
357	278	Asprey	340	-1	5.2	1.9	21.9
199	94	Austin Reed	194	...	...	1.8	...
168	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	165	...	...	4.6	10.0
150	94	Bentalls	147	...	1.9	1.6	...
278	125	Betterware	157	-6	...	1.8	18.1
47	22	Blacks Leis	39	-2	2.2	7.2	...
261½	133	Body Shop	246	-3	...	0.9	31.7
10½	9	Brown & Jacksn	9½	...	...	1.0	5.0
491	318	Brown (N)	488	-2	...	1.9	28.7
87½	52½	Burton	53½†	...	...	4.7	79.5
245	126	Canons	236	...	...	2.1	32.7
520	295	Church	445	...	12.5	3.5	39.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	161	...	4.3	3.4	19.4
287	212	Coats Viyella	264½	-3½	...	3.5	36.6
120	78	Colourvision▲	91 †	...	5.6	7.7	30.3
181	154	C'try Casuals	166	...	...	3.1	15.4
926	374	Courts Furnish	875	...	5.6	0.8	11.0
180	115	Crown Eyes▲	180	...	7.5	5.2	12.3
137	89	Dairy Farm Intl	113½	-4½	...	3.2	16.7
109½	51½	Dewhirst (IJ)	108½	-½	0.8	0.9	34.8
298	189	Dixons Grp	207 †	-4	...	3.8	...
21	8	ERA Gp	11	+1	...	...	...
580	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	16.0	3.5	19.8
284	71	Essex Farm	273	-2	...	1.8	43.2
223	203	Etam	247	-3	7.0	3.5	22.6
608	490	Fine Art Dev	516	-1	13.0	3.2	16.8
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	49	...	...	...	...
713	498	Formlnster	710	...	14.5	2.6	12.9
180	24	French Conne▲	148	-1	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	66	...	...	4.0	20.5
100	23	Goldsmiths Gp	87	...	0.3	0.4	...
659	374	GUS	632 †	+8	...	2.3	19.5
40	21	Hampden Grp▲	25	...	...	5.0	12.4
277	30	Harstone	75	+1	...	...	...
33½	20	Helene Plc	30	+½	2.0	8.4	14.2
110	70	Heritage▲	92	...	...	...	...
87	35	Honeysuckle▲	85	-1	...	3.3	12.5
211	63	Jacques Vert	195	...	...	3.3	14.8
783	496	Kingfisher	614	-10	...	2.8	21.1
88	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	85	...	4.0	6.0	∞
685	495	Liberty	543	...	7.3	1.7	63.9
380	241	Lloyds Chem	345	-5	...	2.6	12.1
184	120	MFI	169½†	-5	...	2.8	77.0
461½	311	Marks Spencer	428½	-5½	...	2.5	21.9
680	445	Menzies (John)	672	...	...	2.1	17.4
288	136	Moss Bros	282	...	3.3	2.4	33.7
231	139½	Next	222	-2	3.5	2.0	26.5
46	15	Oliver (G)	45	...	...	...	...
335	197	Oriflame Intl	297	-6	...	4.1	14.6
63	24	Pentos	38	-1	0.8	2.6	7.9
313	185	QS Hldgs	288	...	5.1	2.4	19.1
69½	20½	Ratno Grp▲	40	-1	...	...	...
205	120	Rosebys	204	...	...	3.0	24.5
181	135	Sherwood Gp	172	-1	...	1.9	15.5
132	93	Sears	117½	-1½	...	3.7	47.3
41½	11	Signet Group	36	-½	...	...	...
545	400	Smith WH 'A'	497 †	+3	...	3.7	16.0
127	83	-do- B	116½	...	...	3.2	18.8
21	4½	Specialeyes▲	13	...	...	...	...
252	176	Storehouse	235	-2	...	2.3	23.2
198	146	T & S Stores	180	...	6.0	4.2	13.4
173	71	Tie Rack	157	-2	1.0	0.8	25.7
285	160	Time Products	257	...	7.7	3.8	22.2
131	63	Usher (Frank)▲	128	+4	6.0	5.9	11.0
465	302	Vendome	428	-6	...	1.8	19.9
45	27	Vivat	37	...	1.0	3.4	11.5
87	42	WEW Group	59	...	...	2.9	43.5
49	34	Wensum▲	48	...	1.8	4.9	...
129	76	Wickes	118	-3	1.0	1.1	∞
89	45	Wld of Leather▲	89	...	...	...	...
195	142	Wyevale	190	...	...	2.8	25.1
4	2	Xtra-vision▲	2	...	...	...	...

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
229	186	Gartmore	208	-6	...	2.4	25.7
465	155	Goven	462	+1	...	4.2	∞
250	125	Ivory Sime	221	-6	...	3.9	19.3
428	150	Johnson Fry	368	-10	...	...	...
345	154	Lon Forfaiting▲	239	-1	8.7	4.0	17.4
87	47	Manakin	78	-1	...	...	...
25½	3½	Nat Home Loan	20½	-1½	...	...	0.4
76	40	Newmarket	56	...	...	...	...
385	265	Rathbone Brs	339	-18	6.5	2.4	20.6
28½	17	Rutland Tst	27	...	...	3.7	16.0
400	253	S & U	387	...	10.2	3.3	14.4
114	48	Singer & Fried	106	-1	...	3.5	...
1163	723	Sothebys	1125 †	-5	...	1.4	...
188	113	STP Capital	169	-6	3.0	2.2	69.7
224	183	Towry Law	220	+1	...	2.6	21.6
2556½	1487½	Amer Express	2012½	-6½	...	...	...
1208	835	Henderson Ad	1145	-10	...	4.6	26.4
251½	92	Invesco	222	-2	...	1.7	...
317	164	Jardine Strat	281½	-4	...	2.8	11.8
323	154	MAI	291	-5	...	3.0	18.4
770	389	MAM	706	-6	16.0	2.8	17.6
1263	833	M & G	1170	-4	...	2.7	34.5
496	109	Smith New Ct	464	-1	...	1.9	4.6
81	45	Trio Hldgs	62 †	-1	2.5	5.0	∞

FOODS

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
587	456	AB Food	549 †	-3	...	3.4	11.4
77½	46½	ASDA Group	59½	+½	1.6	3.7	...
398	170	Acatos & Hutch	363	-3	...	2.8	13.2
80	55	Albert Fisher	62	-1	...	7.0	14.9
407	246	Argyll	253 †	-3½	...	5.7	9.1
270	160	Banks (S C)	260 †	...	9.0	4.3	9.9
402	305	Barr (AG)	340 †	...	6.5	2.4	∞
85	56	Benson Crsps▲	70	+1	...	5.1	15.7
481	357	Booker	441	-7	...	6.2	38.3
52	35	Borthwick	49	...	...	3.1	60.9
505	430	Brake Bros	489	...	6.3	1.6	20.4
51	37	Budgen	41	...	...	4.0	12.4
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	517	-7	...	3.3	18.3
222	78	Carrs Milling	189	+4	...	2.8	13.8
198	133	Cranswick	148	...	...	6.8	14.0
22	8½	Cullens	16½	...	0.5	3.8	47.4
384	119	Dalepak	120 †	...	...	5.2	35.0
543	434	Dalgety	483	-2	...	5.4	13.9
64	27	Daniels S	64	+3	...	0.5	...
294	191	Devro	280	...	...	2.5	26.6
134	94	Everest	94	...	...	4.9	17.1
391	269	Farepak	384 †	...	5.9	1.9	23.6



INSURANCE

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1193½	Alex & Alex	1425	...	...	4.7	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	1793½	-31½	...	4.3	...
86	30	Archer	65 †	-3	...	1.9	...
165	118	Bradstock	149	-3	...	4.7	16.4
550	359	Britannic	506	-6	...	2.9	...
117	96	CLM Insce	113 †	-1	...	...	...
711	556	Com Union	633	-3	...	4.8	...
1775	1225	Dom & Gen	1760	-10	...	1.6	23.3
64	18	FAI	56	-6	...	0.9	...
194	160	Fenchurch Grp	191	-1	...	4.7	17.1
757	546	Gen Accident	677	-4	26.7	4.4	...
247	160	GRE	234	-2	7.1	3.8	19.4
457	293	Heath C E	414	-6	...	4.8	...
228	122	Hogg Gp	146	-1	8.1	7.0	13.1
323	255	Independent Ins	291	-2	...	3.5	26.7
215	162	JIB Group	185	+1	...	5.1	19.0
547	403½	Legal & Gen	499	-9	...	5.0	29.7
1281½	768½	Liberty Life	1193½	-18½	...	2.6	19.0
121	99	UNIT	109½	...	...	...	...
471	403	Lloyds Abbey	410 †	-7	...	5.5	13.1
336	253	Lloyd Thomp	295	...	6.7	2.8	18.3
443	274	Londn & Man	420	-2	14.7	4.4	20.9
472	321	Lowndes Lmb	453	-5	14.0	3.9	16.3
6747½	5256½	Marsh McLn	5581½	-12½	...	3.2	...
188	139	Nelson Hurst	181	+2	...	3.9	18.1

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
84½	34	Monument	64	...	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	6½	...	...	...	...
35	21	Nth Sea Assets	29	...	1.0	4.3	10.0
50	27	Oil Search	42	-3	...	...	...
46	11½	Petroz	42½	-3½	...	...	...
162	99	Pict Per	162	...	...	...	...
29½	18	Premier	25½	-½	...	...	9.3
168	80	Presidio	158	...	...	4.2	...
410	290	Ranger	360	...	...	4.5	...
7700	5150	Royal Dtch Pl	7315½	-12½	...	4.1	18.5
4500	3600	Schlumberger	3728½	-3½	...	2.0	...
67	47	Seafield	57	...	...	...	...
749	515	Shell	720½	-8½	22.8	4.0	22.2
201	135	Sunrise Eng Sv	135	...	...	...	...
41	15	Triton Europe	33	...	...	...	...
19	6	Villiers Grp	17½	-½	...	...	...
228½	135	Woodside	205½	-9	...	1.6	...
184	120	AG Holdings	162	...	...	3.6	16.5
444	249	API	432	-1	...	2.4	27.2
299½	144	Arjo Wiggins	298	+1	...	2.7	46.1
708	408	Abbott Mead	708	+2	9.5	1.7	37.2
40	13	Acqis Gp	26	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comm▲	205	...	4.0	3.0	18.0
26	7	BBB Design▲	24	...	...	...	...
471	223	Bemrose	471	...	...	3.6	21.7
30½	7	Birkdale	12	...	...	...	...
183	118	Bunzl	178	-4	4.0	2.8	26.8
430	257	CIA Gp	418	-2	4.4	1.3	26.4
230	93	Capital Inds	174	...	...	2.6	16.6
93	44	City of Lon▲	88	...	...	5.5	16.2
439	169	Cropper (Jmes)	437	-2	3.2	0.9	42.2
108	51	Delyn Group	107	+1	1.6	2.0	14.4
137	94	Dolphin Pack	129	...	4.5	4.4	31.5
87	42	Dudley Jenkns▲	80 †	...	...	4.9	17.5
16½	10½	Elswick	13½	...	...	2.7	15.4
97	41	Fairway Group▲	91	...	3.2	4.5	20.8
424	271	Ferguson Intl	421	+7	...	3.7	19.1
145	92	Ferry Pick	145	...	...	4.8	39.1
227	76	Filofax▲	222 †	...	...	0.8	28.7
20	5	Ffsca	11	-½	...	...	...
154	69	Gibbon Lyons▲	147	...	5.2	4.4	16.6
255	205	Gold Greenlees	260 †	...	8.4	4.1	23.5
41	17	Goodhead	30	...	...	0.2	∞
88	15	Huntleigh	16	...	...	...	...
185	135	Intereurope	138	...	...	7.2	10.0
290	191	Jarvis Porter	283	...	...	2.1	26.9
33½	15½	Lopex	29	...	...	...	...
35	25	MBO	33	...	...	...	...
431	175	More O'Ferrall	422	-1	13.2	3.9	50.5
146	48	NMC Group	134	...	2.7	2.6	20.7
300	66	Osborne & Little	296	...	...	2.2	33.5
60	6½	Osprey Comms	49	...	...	0.2	...
582	475	Porvair	591	...	...	3.2	20.0
3	0½	Premier Hldn	2½	...	...	...	...
319	159	Quarto	318	...	...	2.3	19.6
425	270	St Ives Gp	399	-7	...	1.7	25.3
186	133	Saatchi	146	-4½	...	...	...
529½	292	Sappi	516½	-2½	...	6.4	9.8
33	8½	Serif	29½	+1	...	...	...
55½	14	Shandwick	55½	+½	...	...	...
517	294	Smith David	494 †	-1	...	2.5	33.7
361	206	Smurfit (Jeff)	345	-2	...	1.5	6.3
119	45	Somic	119	...	2.5	2.6	48.8
246	183	Sun-Plus	246	-1	8.4	4.3	21.9
33	16½	Taylor Nelson	32	...	0.3	1.3	26.9
147	38	VTR▲	140	...	...	3.3	27.1
129	40	WPP	129	-2	...	1.0	4.8
264	62	Wace	240	-2	...	0.5	...
300	203	Waddington (J)	258	-1	...	3.9	19.3
485	270	Watmough	484	...	...	1.5	37.9
7	3	Westport▲	4½	...	...	...	...
44	12	Whitney Mcke▲	36	...	...	...	...
103	55	Wyndeham	103 †	...	...	1.8	22.1

PROPERTY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	41	Allied Lon	127	-1	...	3.5	32.9
48	35	Arcadian	44	-1	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	8	...	...	...	...
144	52	Aida	137	-3	...	2.0	14.4
191	68	Avonside	178	-2	4.1	2.9	24.9
2637½	2062½	BCE▲	2425	-3½	...	...	...
765	396	Bilton	754	-6	18.9	3.1	27.3
107	17	Bourne End	105	-1	...	1.2	...
276	150	Bradford	266	-3	5.6	2.8	27.0

FINANCE, LAND

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	53	...	1.0	2.4	11.2
165	47	BWD▲	155½	...	3.4	2.7	34.3
118	26	Baltic Plc	107	-1	...	1.2	...
757	413	Caledonia	730	-5	...	2.6	27.1
2025	1075	Camellia	2025	...	...	1.9	7.6
363	243	Candover	348	-2	10.4	3.8	...

ELECTRICITY

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
717	389	East Midlands	637 †	-19	...	4.0	11.3
725½	399	Eastern Elect	662 †	-17	...	3.8	12.6
480½	304	Hydro-Elect	420 †	-13	...	3.5	14.7
737½	404	London Elect	656	-27	...	4.2	12.0
850	458	Manweb	744 †	-31	...	3.7	9.3
767	424½	Midlands Elec	648 †	-21	...	4.1	10.2
510	273	National Powr	465	-7	...	2.8	12.3
801	440	Northern Elec	701 †	-15	...	4.0	8.1
301	100	Nthn Ireland	283 †	-12½	...	3.1	13.5
806	439	Norweb	699 †	-27	20.8	3.7	10.0
581	273	PowerGen	572	-7	...	2.4	15.0
482	285	Scottish Power	433 †	-12	...	3.3	16.1
435	218	Seeboard	358 ↓	-14	...	3.6	11.2
825	480	Sth Wales	717 †	-23	...	4.0	11.0
743	426	Sth Western	655 †	-20	...	4.0	9.7
745½	406	Southern Elec	655 †	-19	...	4.0	8.7
739½	435	Yorkshire Elec	644 †	-18	...	4.1	12.1

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1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	407	BAT	480	-8	...	5.0	14.4
495	315½	Rothmans	445	-6	...	3.5	14.0

WATER

1993/94 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
610	455	Anglian Water	562 †	-2	...	4.8	11.2
365	244	Mid Kent Hdgs	365	...	...	3.7	13.5
761	547	Northumbrian	689 †	-7	...	4.2	8.1
611	431½	North West	580 †	...	...	4.9	9.3
645	430	Severn Trent	589 †	-5	...	4.6	9.1
686	454	Sthn Water	608 †	-9	...	4.5	9.8
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1590	...	48.5	3.8	11.3
675	465	South West	611 †	-3	...	5.0	9.0
611	454	Thames Water	566	-1	...	4.7	11.1
744	506	Welsh Water	691 †	-3	...	4.4	7.0
759	536	Wessex Water	689 †	-10	...	4.0	10.9
630	473½	Yorkshire W	566 †	-4	...	4.8	9.4

Source: Finstat

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First-year success for growth fund

IN SPITE of a slow start, the London Business Growth Fund lent £114,500 in 1993, figures just released show. It expects to lend much more this year as a result of the small business networks that have been established by training and enterprise councils (Rodney Hobson writes).

The first-year success depended heavily on the South Thames TEC whose vigorous marketing of the fund led to lending of £55,000". A total of seven small firms employing 65 people was helped out of 33 proposals put to the loans panel.

They included a supplier of employee clocking-in devices that will now be manufactured in Britain instead of imported from Japan. An engineering company was lent £10,000 for precision tools and a giftware producer borrowed the cost of a computer for accounting and other records.

All the South Thames lending came in the second half of the year. Its lending was £40,000 ahead of any other TEC. There was no lending through three of the nine TEC areas covered by the fund.

One start-up business established in January 1993 failed to last the full year. That was the only default, but £22,218 had to be written off loans made in previous years. The current default rate is 12.7 per cent.

The fund was established in December 1992 by Baroness Denton, then the minister with responsibility for small firms. It replaced London's business incentive scheme that had lent more than £600,000 to start-ups. Some start-ups were still funded in the transition period in the first half of last year.

The fund is intended to be the major source of loans via London Business Links, the growing chain of one-stop shops that provide comprehensive help for small firms. It lends up to £10,000 on an unsecured basis to small firms that it judges have the capacity to expand and employ people but cannot raise cash through the banks.

Greater London Enterprise, the development agency that operates the fund, says there is still a huge demand for small business loans, despite new forms of equity investment for smaller businesses. The fund has nearly £150,000 available to lend. Substantially more will have to be raised if the full potential is to be achieved.

Gardener's world blooms with local opportunities

By Rodney Hobson

DOUG MARKE



Joan Gunson has travelled widely around Britain collecting rare plants for her Spilsby nursery

EVEN when there are plenty of large established competitors, a new business can thrive by specialising. Joan Gunson set up a small nursery a year ago at Spilsby, Lincolnshire. Although there are garden centres in the predominently rural county, she has found a niche propagating unusual hardy perennials and cottage garden plants.

She says: "I have been interested in growing rarer plants since we bought this house 15 years ago. That interest has built up over the years as I have collected different varieties. Gradually I turned more to growing plants from seed or propagating cuttings. I think people are changing more to perennial plants because they do not want the bother of putting in and taking out annuals. Perennials do not need so much attention. I keep telling people to cover the ground with plants so they do not need to weed the garden so much."

Mrs Gunson did not think of selling plants until three years ago when she was made redundant from the local art gallery. She decided she needed to build up her stock before testing public demand. She says: "I was not sure whether I was confident enough to run a nursery or whether there would be enough public interest in it. But a lot of people I knew asked why I did not sell my surplus plants."

Mrs Gunson and her husband Jackie have travelled the country to find plants. Every inch of their ¼-acre patch is filled and they have expanded into a neighbour's garden, rescuing it from running wild in return for the use of the land.

"You cannot find the plants I grow in this area. We have been to lots of nurseries but many garden centres do not have a great variety of plants. I have had to send off to mail order or travel for miles to find what I want."

Some plants have been discovered on holidays in various parts of the country from Scotland to Cornwall. Others were bought at National Trust properties. She is proud of her collection of 130 varieties of hardy geraniums, of which about half are ready for sale.

As well as becoming an expert on plants through avid reading, Mrs Gunson had to get to know the local soil well. Although it is fertile, it is sandy and needs plenty of manure to retain moisture.

Mrs Gunson took advice from the Citizens' Advice Bureau to make sure that she did not break any local authority rules. She was advised not to advertise and not to erect a permanent board outside her home. Customers have to be found mainly by word of mouth and by issuing a catalogue. Contacts have been made through plant societies — Mrs Gunson puts her artistic flair to good use by producing watercolour illustrations for society magazines.

Hard work has brought recognition. Mrs Gunson's garden is now listed in the handbook of the National Garden Scheme charity. She has also produced a new species of campanula that the breeding committee of the Hardy Plants Society has deemed worthy of having its own name. The bell plant will be known as Rebecca Gunson in honour of her elder son's fiancée.

Let small firms learn to fly in Europe

By Richard Brown

THE failure of so many British businesses to evolve in the face of a changing Europe brings a special challenge to the small firms sector.

The business world was not transformed overnight on January 1 in the wake of the European Union treaty. Its impact on business has yet to be really felt in Britain's offices and factories.

However, Europe has changed beyond the modification from Community to Union. Since the Single European Act, we have had the Maastricht Treaty, the European Economic Area, enlargement negotiations, reunification of Germany and a Gatt agreement. In two years' time, we face another intergovernmental conference with further treaty reform.

This fast-changing environment is a fact of life for business and nowhere will the effects be so clear as in the smaller firms sector. Vulnerable to competition and the vagaries of the economic cycle, they often lack basic good management and effective business support.

For them, Europe, while presenting opportunities, can be a threatening prospect. What they need is greater awareness and foresight, a refashioned outlook, new skills and approaches and fresh strategies.

Tick off the things treaty reform will bring. Gaps in the single market will be closed, there will be more competition, tax regimes will change, higher employment could happen, there will be more consumer and environmental protection, more help will be forthcoming for research and development (and for training and education) and there will be development of European networks for transport, energy and telecommunications. For small firms, the game plan is little different from managing any major change — keep informed, seek advice and take the initiative rather than merely react.

Paradoxically, when we in the UK are enjoying the warm glow of the bonfire of regulations, compliance with EC rules is the most immediate action small firms should take. Be mindful not only of existing rules, but those in the pipeline.

The growing size of the market necessitates attention to market position. Is the business in the right place? Should it move to gain access to better distribution systems?

If British firms are to benefit from what Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, described as a "triumph of capitalism", businesses must be prepared for change. This calls for flexibility, responsiveness and foresight. Britain's fledgeling small firms must learn to fly in Europe.

Richard Brown is deputy director-general of the British Chambers of Commerce and author of Managing in the Single European Market *(Butterworth Heinemann, £15.95).*



Brown: business needs advice



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BRIEFINGS

A "tool kit" to achieve successful financial management of a small business has been produced by the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA). The system, which has the backing of the Department of Trade and Industry, shows how a management regime can be built on the foundation of information already supplied to lenders, the Inland Revenue and other government departments. Additions can be made to this database by answering more than 100 questions about the business, from where it is now and where its future lies, to various aspects such as marketing, training, quality and service. CIMA is also urging tyro businesses to tap the skills of experienced business people willing to become mentors for small firms, often on a voluntary basis.

☐ A directory listing recently established businesses in the Hereford and Worcester area has been produced by Hereford and Worcester Training and Enterprise Council. Mac Auld, programme manager, said: "Our business start-up programme placed a good deal of emphasis on the power of contacts, of networking. The directory aims to raise further this awareness of new businesses so they may secure more orders as a result." Contact: Sharon Watkins, 0905 723200.

☐ Local authorities and estate agents in South East Hampshire have produced a free comprehensive listing of available business premises and sites in East Hampshire, Fareham, Gosport, Havant and Portsmouth. It is called *Prop Register* and a computer printout is available of information relative to an individual business's needs. Contact: 0705 834886.

☐ About half of small business failures are caused by lack of management skills, a study by the Society of Practitioners of Insolvency shows. Management failure accounted for a quarter of personal insolvencies that were caused by the demise of a business, while another quarter stemmed from failure to maintain cash flow. Shrinking markets, which have been the main cause of insolvency in the recession, accounted for 29 per cent of failures while loss of long-term finance caused only 3 per cent of small businesses to go bust.

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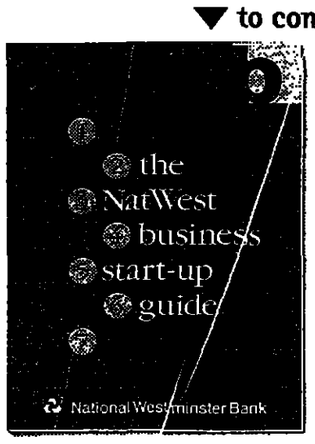
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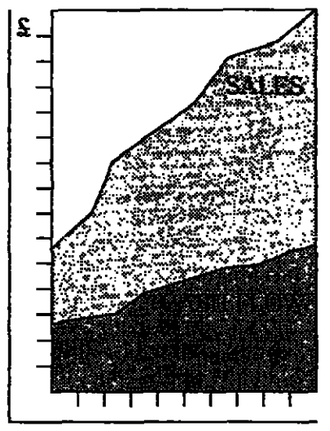
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A judge? I'd rather be a QC, thanks

A judgeship was once much coveted, but more and more senior barristers are now refusing the call, says Frances Gibb


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Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, leads the judges' procession for the start of the 1991 legal year. This year, the numbers of QCs accepting judgeships is down

The call to become a judge — the discreet invitation from the Lord Chancellor's department to join the select ranks of the profession regarded as its élite — was once the jewel in the crown of a career.

Now, stark evidence has emerged to confirm what has been suspected and rumoured for some time: many are called, but few are accepting. More and more lawyers are turning down judicial appointment and at some levels — particularly the circuit bench — refusals outweigh acceptances.

The Government's pay review body, which reported recently, found that across the board, recruitment of judges is "proving increasingly difficult". At the High Court, 27 have accepted since 1992 and eight declined. At circuit bench level over the same time, 45 have accepted and 72 declined.

There is a growing tendency, the pay review body said, for candidates to ask for deferral of their appointments. "We view this trend with grave concern," it commented. "It seems to us — and to those who have made representations to us — that in the near future there is a danger of the quality of judicial appointments being affected, something which could, if allowed to happen, have far-reaching constitutional implications."

Why are the best shunning the bench? A prime factor — acknowledged by the pay body — is salaries. The Bar, it noted, has never expected judicial salaries to be on a level with private earnings in the profession. But, the review body said, "we believe that they [judges' salaries] have fallen so far behind that not only is judges' pay in itself a disincentive to appointment, but also the message conveyed about the status of the judiciary and their standing in the public esteem is not one likely to encourage the best from the Bar who want to join."

Last week, I spoke to several judges at circuit, High Court and Court of Appeal levels. None would be quoted by name. All, however, confirmed that the working conditions and lifestyle of a judge have become less attractive to modern-day candidates.

"Had I known what a degree of heartache would be involved, I probably would have said no," one High Court judge said. Not long a silk when he took up the post, he had not built up the nest egg of high earnings necessary to cushion him against judicial life. He was forced to sell his London house and buy a flat. His experience is not unique.

"One might ask", he pondered, "why does one do it? One grew up believing that being a High Court judge was the pinnacle of one's career, an ambition, something to strive for. So one was flattered to be asked — it was difficult to say no. A job has to be done — it's a matter of duty, honour and service. Somebody has to serve."

> ❛ A lot of people do not want to go onto the bench and commit themselves to that sort of isolated regime. There is also a growing feeling that the Bar is a nice job ❜

The knighthood that is automatic for High Court judges is not the reason he took the job. "I do get very offended when people voice the innuendo that I am prepared to take the cut in income to buy myself a knighthood," he said. "A knighthood is a singular honour, but it does not pay the bills. I can't afford the sort of restaurants where it might impress to say, 'I am Sir Joe Bloggs' — it doesn't make any difference at the Chinese or Indian takeaway."

He is ambivalent about the satisfactions of the job. "It's swings and roundabouts," he comments. "I can't say I am as happy as some others — and I think that compared with the Bar, I have been left behind. Had I known what I know now, I certainly would have tried to defer the appointment."

From April, High Court judges will be paid £95,051 and circuit judges £69,497. It means, in most cases, a cut in earnings of at least a half and in many cases far more. A successful QC will be on at least £200,000 a year — maybe £300,000. Top earners will receive more. The disparity in earnings has meant that lawyers, accustomed to providing from their high earnings for a leaner time on the bench, have been insisting on staying longer in practice so they have more time to build their income.

Changing social trends are clashing with the need to appoint a younger judiciary. One Appeal Court judge said: "People today tend to marry later and have families later. When they get to the age when they are asked to consider appointment — early fifties — their children are at the most expensive stage of their education. When I was appointed in the 1970s, two of my children were earning and the third was at university." High Labour taxation at that time, he added, also meant far less of a gap between earnings at the Bar and on the bench. "We kept only 17 per cent of what we earned, so the effect of taking a very much reduced salary was less than now."

Money is not the only factor. On the High Court bench, there is the need for those in the Queen's Bench and Family Divisions to go out on circuit for about half the legal year, staying in so-called judges' lodgings and dealing with weighty cases in the provinces.

"People just don't want to spend weeks away from home," one High Court judge said. "Any idea that life on circuit is wonderful is double-edged. Yes, you live in lodgings, with a cook, butler and so on; there is an element of fun. But if you are away for half a term, on your own, away from your family . . . And if you are sitting in, say, Newcastle, it means getting home late Friday evening and leaving Sunday afternoon. If you take your wife, there's no extra pay for it. There's not a lot of fun in that."

At the circuit judge level, where refusals now outweigh acceptances, judges are at least based in one locality. But apart from the even lower salaries, there are other disadvantages. Some judges cite what they see as a loss in status attached to the job. One circuit judge said: "I don't think there is a lot of job satisfaction. There are few promotions from the circuit bench to the High Court, which is soul-destroying. It used to be a job that you would really love to have. But I think it has lost its prestige. Part of that is because there are now so many of us, more than 500 now."

For some, there is also the work. When it comes to High Court judgeships, some potential judges are put off by the thought of having to take their turn handling large numbers of criminal appeals when their interest and expertise may be in family or judicial review.

At the circuit bench, one judge said: "There is not a lot of variety. Some high-flyers might be tempted by the blandishments of the Lord Chancellor's department, who say, 'Oh, you will go on to something else', but the reality is that you do not. Very, very few are promoted."

On top of all this, for many judges there may not even be a judicial pension at the end of their stint. The recent Judicial Pensions Act now means that judges must serve 20 years instead of 15 to qualify for full pension. Now that retirement will soon be due at 70 they must commit themselves at 50, when they can least afford it.

Lord Williams of Mostyn, former Bar chairman and Labour peer, said: "A lot of people do not want to go onto the bench and commit themselves for 20 years to that sort of isolated regime. There is also a growing feeling that the Bar is a nice job and you're not a failure if you're not a High Court judge."

Low salaries, unsatisfactory working patterns, poor career prospects — all are seen as diminishing the status of being a judge. One High Court judge threw in another element: the media. "Constantly saying judges are all fuddyduddies demeans the office and the authority of the law," he said. "It's different from respect for the individual — one can't defend the idiocies of judges who do silly things and these should be made known. But a constant dripping on the stone leads to a breakdown of respect for the law generally."

Some belated action to halt the trend is being taken. The Government has heeded the warnings of the pay review body and pledged that by 1999, judges will have the extra 20 per cent recommended last year. Meanwhile, senior judges are looking at how to make the requirements of going out on circuit more flexible: providing an extra judge if there is a long, heavy case and allowing judges in some cases to return to London earlier. But they have rejected any idea of basing High Court judges permanently on circuit. "It would be difficult to keep the collegiate ethos," one said.

It may be that much more radical action is needed on both fronts to halt a trend which threatens the future calibre of those who hold the front line in a free society.

MORE ARE SAYING NO

THE rate of barristers and solicitors refusing judgeships or, more often, saying "yes, but not yet," has risen dramatically in the past three years.

Figures from the Lord Chancellor's department — which insists there is nonetheless no shortage of high-quality candidates — show that at circuit bench level in 1990-91, 41 consented and 37 declined. But by 1991-92, those declining outnumbered acceptances — 31 consents and 36 refusals. By 1992-93, there were 32 consents and 51 refusals. The trend is continuing. Figures for just the first part of 1993, up to June, show 13 consents and 21 refusals.

The same story is found at High Court level, although those declining do not outweigh acceptances. In 1993-94, to June 1993, eight consented and two declined.

Some lawyers believe the refusal rate is higher. "Many people are informally sounded out, and it may well be that if they let it be known they are not interested, they are never formally asked," one said.

One problem is that the rising refusal rate coincides with a need for more judges. Last year, the Lord Chancellor persuaded the Treasury to fund ten new High Court judgeships after the Lord Chief Justice expressed concern about the backlog of work. That 11.5 rise took the numbers to 95. And the circuit bench now stands at 503.

Britain lags in Europe

THE Government is dragging its feet over a reform, backed by other European ministers, which would give a permanent and automatic right for individuals to take cases to the European Court of Human Rights.

Ministers are split over whether to back the reform and their disagreement is expected to be referred soon to a Cabinet sub-committee.

The dispute is causing dismay in Strasbourg, where there are fears that the agreement — reached in October between European heads of state on much-needed reform to the human rights machinery — could be wrecked.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, represented Britain at the top-level meeting where approval was given to proposals for a streamlined procedure for the burgeoning number of human rights cases. Instead of the two-tier structure in which cases go first to the Commission on Human Rights, then to a court with judges from every signatory state, there would be a single court.

However, sources in Strasbourg say Britain may object to a final treaty in which the right of citizens from signatory countries to the European Convention on Human Rights to go to the court would be mandatory.

A Foreign Office spokesman said a "difference of opinion" had emerged between Whitehall departments over "the right way to proceed". This is believed to revolve around the mandatory right of individuals to take cases to Europe. Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, supports the reforms, but Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is believed to be against a mandatory right of petition. At present, it is open to Britain not to renew the right of individual petition, although so far it has always done so.

Britain has lost 40 judgments in the court. Yet, despite regular urgings by senior judges, the Government has refused to incorporate the convention into UK law so that many of the cases could be dealt with here.

INNS AND OUTS

Danger ahead

THE construction industry is quick on the draw when it comes to disputes, resulting in rich pickings for lawyers involved in construction litigation and arbitration.


Douglas Hurd: support

The Australian construction industry has similar characteristics. But a scheme for participants in government contracts now requires contractors to agree to adopt a conciliatory manner, to pay invoices promptly and to avoid using lawyers.

In the United Kingdom, the Department of the Environment is said to be viewing the scheme with interest, although given the track record of the last lawyer-avoidance scheme modelled on the Australian experience — the Child Support Agency — the department may think twice.

Phone aid

LAW FIRMS are moving into telemarketing to attract more clients. Donne Mileham & Haddock, a Sussex firm, is aiming at personal injury clients by displaying its free-phone number on posters and in hospitals.

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Meanwhile, members of the LawNet and Law South groups are offering a LawCall card so clients can ring up after hours, seven days a week, and obtain advice and help. The scheme is operated by the insurers Legal Protection Group.

The limits

THE ACCOUNTANTS' campaign for a change in the law to allow them to agree with clients limits to their liability for audit work should they be sued has received a boost from a Court of Appeal ruling in a case concerning Hillsdown Holding.

Hillsdown sued its erstwhile auditors, Bright, Grahame and Murray, over a company acquisition in 1987. The firm is alleged to have failed to point out a £15 million overstatement of stock by the acquired company. Hillsdown claims that as a result it suffered losses of £25 million.

The appeal court has held that the auditors' oversight did not "cause" the trading losses. This effectively rules out the prospect of successful negligence claims against auditors when companies collapse after an audit. Hillsdown is petitioning the Lords for leave to appeal.

Decision soon

AN industrial tribunal last week heard the unfair dismissal claims of two solicitors from Stirling District Council, Anne Russell and Margery Marsh, who refused to report for work with Harper Macleod, a Glasgow law firm, after it took over Stirling legal department's work. The tribunal's decision, which could have an impact on the future privatisation of legal services, is expected in the next few weeks.

Deserting?

PERHAPS all those redundant lawyers in Britain should get on a plane to Abu Dhabi. The United Arab Emirates is short of lawyers. The UAE government, desperate to increase numbers above the present 100, has announced a scheme to pay trainee lawyers about £870 a month over and above present salaries.

Charitable act

MORE free legal advice for charities: the latest is a weekly "charity clinic", which has been launched by Piper Smith & Basham, a firm of London solicitors.

Jean-Paul da Costa, a solicitor with the firm, which specialises in charity work, says: "The complete overhaul of the law relating to charities in the past two years has left a large number of UK charities and their trustees uncertain about their obligations and responsibilities."

The clinic will open for an hour every Tuesday (071-828 8685).

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Da Costa: free advice

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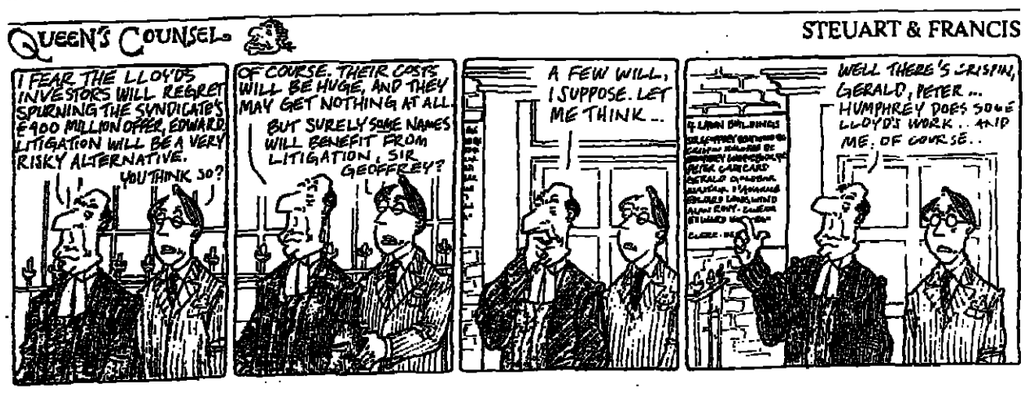
FINANCIAL SERVICES REGULATION - ITS PLACE IN THE LEGAL MAZE

The Chancery Bar Association Spring Lecture will be held at 5.30pm on Monday 7 March 1994 at the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn, WC2. The speaker will be Andrew Large, Chairman of the Securities and Investments Board.

The aim of the lecture will be to describe the inter-relationship between the system of regulation set up under the Financial Services Act 1986, related legislation, and the common law. In particular it will examine what role regulators should play in securing redress for victims of financial misconduct, whether there is more that can be done within the existing legal framework to combat abuse in the equity markets, and whether significant changes in financial services law are now warranted.

The Chancery Bar Association welcomes to this public lecture solicitors, accountants, bankers, regulators and all others who have an interest in the changing law on this important topic. There will be an opportunity for comments or questions from the floor after the lecture. Any enquiries about the lecture should be made to the Treasury Office, Lincoln's Inn.

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Lawyers may be guilty by association if they are found to have colluded with their clients in money-laundering or tipped them off about police fraud investigations

Too cosy with the client

Lawyers may be forced to disclose information they consider privileged, say **Stephen Solley QC** and **Christopher Quinn**

"How can you act for a client you think is guilty?" is the question the criminal lawyer faces at every dinner party. New legislation in the United Kingdom makes it a question that will be asked increasingly in the courts, with the lawyer in the dock.

The Criminal Justice Act 1993 and the money laundering regulations that came into force last week threaten to erode further the lawyer-client relationship with the introduction of new offences and fresh regulatory burdens on financial institutions. This term includes all law firms authorised to carry out investment business under the Financial Services Act 1986, which therefore includes most firms of solicitors.

The legislation will affect lawyers not only in their capacity as providers of financial services, but also by necessitating a fundamental reappraisal of the lawyer-client relationship.

The Act creates several new offences. These include: assisting another to retain the benefit of criminal conduct, failure to disclose knowledge or suspicion of drug-money laundering to police, concealing or transferring the proceeds of criminal conduct and "tipping off" a person that he is the subject of an investigation. New procedures for the money laundering regulations must be introduced by all relevant firms. These include identification, record-keeping and internal reporting procedures, as well as continuing training requirements. Offences under the legislation can be committed in person, in the capacity of a director and by the body corporate. The regulations also place new duties on supervisory authorities, including the Law Society.

Both pieces of legislation demonstrate the Government's readiness to comply with the commitments it has made at international level in the form of the United Nations convention agreed at Vienna in 1988, a Council of Europe convention and a European Community directive. The encroachment of European Community law on the UK criminal courts is happening more rapidly than the practitioner could have predicted.

The lack of a concerted response by financial institutions and law firms suggests that many are still misunderstanding the scope of the term "money laundering". The money launderer is not simply the drug trafficker with flashy jewellery or the organised criminal so beloved of film-makers: he could equally be the tax-evader who hides earnings in property, or the City high-flyer living above his means. Detection is often far from easy. The accomplished launderer will put the proceeds of his crimes through as many "lawyers" as possible. The ability to trace money through these lawyers is one that enforcement agencies are developing and of which lawyers must be aware.

In its response to the Treasury consultation paper last year, the Law Society stated: "It is repugnant to the lawyer-client relationship that a solicitor should inform on a client, keep confidences from a client or act as an agent of the state in entrapping a client."

The Criminal Justice Act, on the face of it, makes allowances for these objections by including a "legal professional privilege" defence for some of its new offences. But solicitors would do well to remind themselves of the ever-narrowing confines of this traditional immunity, particularly in the light of a House of Lords ruling in 1989 (*R v Central Criminal Court ex parte Francis and Francis*). It was held that documents in the possession of an innocent and unknowing solicitor were not the subject of privilege if the transactions he was engaged in might be related to the criminal purpose of a third party, not his client.

In the UK, the Home Office set up the National Criminal Intelligence Service (NCIS), which began work on April 1, 1992. Its financial intelligence office will provide a central point for the receipt of all disclosures made under the new legislation. About 16,000 disclosures were expected in 1993 alone.

The biggest fear for the NCIS must be the "defensive" reporting by financial institutions, including law firms, as witnessed in America and Australia. The prospect of thousands of reports being made by cautious and frightened lawyers leading to swamping of the system cannot be discounted.

The new legislation appears to be modelled on the United States' Bank Secrecy Act 1970 and the American experience provides clues as to the likely pattern of guilty by association that will be seen here. Defence counsels have been removed from several high-profile cases when the authorities requested. The justification for this extreme behaviour is invariably that the original lawyers are part of a criminal coterie surrounding the accused. More commonly, lawyers' rights to accept fees from certain clients have been challenged on the basis that they are the fruits of crime.

The United States Supreme Court has, by five votes to four, held in favour of such forfeiture, despite the Sixth Amendment right to counsel and the Fifth Amendment due process clause. Legislation that had been allowed to lie dormant for several years was to provide the bedrock of a major initiative in the mid-1980s, culminating in one financial institution being fined $500,000 (about £350,000) for failing to report transactions.

The inclusion of lawyers in the list of professions being targeted by a Conservative Government whose own Central Office steadfastly refuses to reveal the source of its income, should be of concern to more than those who will be directly affected. For lawyers to suffer "guilt by association" at a dinner table is one thing, for them to be tried for acting on their client's behalf is altogether more worrying.

A survey reveals a demand for quality legal advice in a streamlined system

Insurers want one-stop shops

Solicitors not only act as marriage brokers between client and counsel, they also have to live with the marriage. So it can be painful when they witness a divorce. "We recently introduced a new barrister to a well-established insurance client," says Paul Taylor of Berrymans, a London law firm specialising in insurance. "The barrister came very well recommended from a chambers we use regularly, but it was a complete disaster. The barrister adopted an entirely wrong approach with the clients, misunderstood their aims, gave them a strategy that was entirely against what they wanted and was patronising as well. He had to be dropped and we had to go back to the beginning with someone else ... we have never used him again."

This sad but salutary experience prompted Berrymans to undertake a survey, published last week, of how barristers and insurers see each other. The two sides work together regularly but it is evident that misunderstanding is common. For solicitors, whose responsibility is to create the right chemistry between the two parties, it is useful to know where each side is coming from.

Encouragingly, insurers feel they get a reasonably good service from the Bar — incidents of a total breakdown in the relationship are rare. However, Berrymans' survey highlights the fact that only one in five users is very satisfied.

Maybe their reservations are partly influenced by cost because when it comes to money there are marked differences in opinions. Although almost all barristers think they are "good value for money", three-quarters of their clients are unconvinced.

There is also disagreement over what insurers want most from their counsel. What barristers think the client requires is an ability to assess litigation risks. The insurers disagree. What they want most from counsel is high-quality legal advice. As experienced litigants, they believe that they, in consultation with the solicitor and counsel, can make their own minds up about risk and tactics.

Many concerns, however, are about not so much about the quality of the service as the way the system operates.

Insurers want litigation to be streamlined, to avoid duplication and to cut time-wasting.

A "one-stop shop" for legal services would appeal to many clients and the survey reveals that more than two thirds favour rights of audience for solicitors.

> "There is still a need for specialist advocacy skills"

Anecdotal observations by insurers bear this out. Solicitors should be given "an opportunity to use their advocacy skills at a commercially viable cost", one respondent said. Another said that a "one-stop shop" would lead to less misunderstanding by advocates of what the client wanted.

It is clear that clients trust their solicitors, perhaps more than they trust their barristers. That the solicitor will normally have a long-standing familiarity with the case and is capable of handling at least the routine cases propels the client to what appears to be the logical conclusion — goodbye barrister.

Of course, as Mr Taylor himself emphasises, there is a clear necessity for specialist advocacy skills. But concentrating their expertise within a single legal practice might get better and cheaper results.

"And there are simply too many incompetent barristers about," one senior solicitor said. "You must try to avoid them like the plague."

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Power to restrain breach

Runnymede Borough Council v Harwood

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Hobhouse

[Judgment February 7]

Pending the trial of an action for breach of planning control, section 187(B) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as inserted by section 3 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991, empowered the court to restrain the breach by an interlocutory injunction.

The Court of Appeal so held in allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs, Runnymede Borough Council, against the discharge by Mr Justice Colman, sitting in chambers in the Queen's Bench Division on September 7, 1993, of two interlocutory injunctions against the defendant, Mr Peter George Harwood.

Section 187(B) provides: "(1) Where a local planning authority consider it necessary or expedient for any actual or apprehended breach of planning control to be restrained by injunction, they may apply to the court for an injunction, whether or not they have exercised or are proposing to exercise any of their other powers under this Part.

"(2) On an application under subsection (1) the court may grant such an injunction as the court thinks appropriate for the purpose of restraining the breach."

Mr Robert Gray, QC and Mr Michael Druce for the council; Mr Ranjit Bhose for Mr Harwood.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the land in question was occupied by Mr Harwood and was part of a farm known as Sicamore Farm, near Egham in Surrey. It was green belt land within the area of the council but for some years had not been used for agricultural purposes.

In 1988 Mr Harwood with the consent of the owner moved into what had been described as a mobile home or a converted wooden shack ("building Z") on the land and began living there.

On June 11, 1984 the council served on Mr Harwood an enforcement notice requiring the demolition of building Z, but Mr Harwood appealed and an inspector appointed by the secretary of state upheld the appeal to the extent of granting Mr Harwood personal planning permission for three years to give him an opportunity to demonstrate the viability of his use of the land as an agricultural holding.

At the end of the three years it was clearly shown that the land was not viable an an agricultural holding and that was not now disputed.

On July 25, 1988 Mr Harwood applied for the renewal of the 1985 limited planning consent. That was refused by the council and in May 1989 a second enforcement notice was served on him in respect of building Z. His appeal was withdrawn and the enforcement notice took effect.

In July 1993 Mr Harwood lodged two detailed planning applications. One sought permission for the change of use of the land to use for the maintenance and repair of commercial vehicles for a period of five years.

The second sought permission for five years to convert a redundant agricultural building ("building X"), the brick-built former stables and piggeries of Sicamore Farm, for residential purposes. In the meantime, Mr Harwood went ahead with the conversion without planning permission. He and his family had moved into the building.

Those two planning applications were refused by the council on August 20, 1993. On the previous day, Mr Justice Curtis granted the council four injunctions on an *ex parte* application, and the writ in the action was issued.

The injunctions restrained Mr Harwood from, *inter alia*, (a) continuing to use the land for the purposes of the storage of motor vehicles, and (b) moving or causing or permitting any person to move into occupation of building X.

The injunctions were discharged by Mr Justice Colman on September 7 on an undertaking by Mr Harwood, *inter alia*, to prosecute appeals against the refusals of planning permission with all due diligence.

As his Lordship read the note of that judgment, Mr Justice Colman attached particular importance to the fact that the application before him was for interlocutory relief in advance of the trial of the action.

He was therefore concerned at what would be decided at the trial of the action, and he feared that if by the time of the trial Mr Harwood was no longer on the land and living in building X, that would militate against his chances of resisting injunctions at the trial.

In reaching his decision the judge appeared to be applying the law as laid down by *East Hampshire District Council v Davies* ([1991] 2 PLR 8). The law as there stated was inapplicable to applications under section 187(B).

By that section Parliament had granted the court a clear power to grant injunctions to enforce planning control over actual as well as apprehended breaches of planning control, and it could not have been the intention, where there had been an actual breach, that the power should only be exercisable at the trial of the action, with interlocutory applications confined to preserving the status quo until trial.

Mr Justice Colman misdirected himself in concentrating on the interlocutory nature of the application, without considering the underlying position.

His Lordship would therefore restore injunctions (a) and (b), but in the circumstances he would suspend injunction (b) until the planning appeal in relation to building X had been determined.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith agreed and Lord Justice Hobhouse delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Mr A. M. Pearson, Addlestone; Francis Mostyn & Co, Langley.

Mandatory planning injunction

Croydon London Borough Council v Gladden and Another

Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Hobhouse

[Judgment February 7]

Section 187(B) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as inserted by section 3 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991, was drawn on the statutory assumption that an actual, as well as an intended, breach of planning control could be restrained by injunction, and the section therefore did not exclude the grant of mandatory injunctions under it.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Mr John Gladden, and his son, Mr Gary Gladden, against injunctions granted against them at Croydon County Court by Mr Recorder W. E. Burnett, QC, on an application by the plaintiffs, Croydon London Borough Council.

Mr Ashley Underwood and Miss Lisa Giovannetti for the defendants; Mr Robert Gray, QC and Mr Michael Druce for the council.

LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that 42 St Oswald Road, Norbury, London, was, before the acts with which the appeal was concerned, an ordinary semi-detached house in a quiet residential part of the council's area. It was the home of both defendants.

In November 1992 the council received a complaint that a 14-foot long fibreglass replica of a fish had been fixed to the roof of a single storey extension there. That had been done without planning permission.

On January 11, 1993 Mr John Gladden submitted a planning application seeking restrospective consent for the retention of the fish. That was refused by the council. Mr Gladden appealed and a public enquiry on the appeal was held in January 1994. The outcome of the appeal was not yet known.

In March 1993 Mr John Gladden put up on the front garden of 42 St Oswald's Road large replicas of a military tank, a rocket type missile and a large inflatable figure of Winston Churchill. All that was without planning permission.

The missile and the figure of Churchill were removed in compliance with an enforcement notice and they were placed on vehicles parked on the road. A further enforcement notice was served in respect of the tank, which had since been removed. Mr Gladden had also fixed to the roof of 42 St Oswald's Road a large wooden replica of a spitfire.

The council made a further application to the county court for injunctions against the defendants and the recorder granted the injunctions now appealed against: (a) an injunction restraining the defendants from causing or permitting any structural alterations or additions (other than the fish the subject of the pending planning appeal) to be affixed to the exterior of any building at 42 St Oswald's Road in breach of the requirement for planning permission, and (b) an injunction requiring the defendant to remove the replica spitfire from any open land or from the exterior of any building at 42 St Oswald's Road.

Mr Gray accepted that, by way of clarification of the words "in breach of the requirement for planning permission" in injunction (a), there should be added the words "or otherwise than as permitted by Schedule 2, Part 1 of the General Development Order 1988." (SI 1988 No 1813)

A point taken for the defendants was that there was no jurisdiction under section 187(B) to grant a mandatory injunction, merely a power to grant negative injunctions. Therefore there was no power to order the removal of the replica spitfire.

Logically it might be correct to say that a breach of planning control which had already happened, namely, a once and for all breach and not a continuing breach could not be restrained in the sense of being prevented or stopped. But section 187(B) was drawn on the statutory assumption that an actual, as well as an intended, breach of planning control could be restrained by injunction. Therefore the word "restrained" had to be given a wider, and in the context more natural, meaning. Once that was done it was obvious that mandatory injunctions were not excluded.

The question in relation to the replica spitfire was whether if that was placed on the land, in the front or at the back of the house, instead of being affixed to the exterior of the building, that would need planning permission.

The argument had turned on the phrase in section 55(2)(d) of the Act, "use of any ... land within the curtilage of a dwelling-house for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling-house as such".

The concept of what was "incidental to the enjoyment of the dwelling-house as such" involved an element of reasonableness; it could not rest solely on the unrestrained whim of the occupier of the dwelling-house. No one could regard it as reasonable to keep a replica spitfire of the size of the present replica on the land, front or back, of the house.

His Lordship would dismiss the appeal, subject only to adding to injunction (a) the words "or otherwise than as permitted by Schedule 2, Part 1 of the General Development Order 1988".

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith delivered a concurring judgment and Lord Justice Hobhouse agreed.

Solicitors: Amphlett Lissimore, Norwood; Mr Miles Smith, Croydon.

Balancing need to protect public and appropriate sentence

Regina v Mansell

Before Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Auld and Mr Justice Mitchell

[Judgment February 10]

Where a person was convicted of a violent or sexual offence and liable to a longer term to protect the public from serious harm from the offender, under section 2(2)(b) of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, it was quite impossible to give guidance on the length of appropriate sentence under section 30(3) of that Act.

Each case turned on its own facts and the sentencing judge had to try to balance the sentence appropriate for the offence on the one hand and the need to protect the public on the other and not to get it out of all proportion to the nature of the offender.

Lord Taylor of Gosforth, Lord Chief Justice, so stated when giving the judgment of the court dismissing an appeal by Craig Jason Mansell, aged 40, against sentence of five years imprisonment passed on conviction before Judge Elstyan Morgan and a jury on each of three counts of sexual offences against young men aged between 18 and 22 years, by rubbing himself against them while each was fully dressed.

Section 2 of the 1991 Act provides: "(2) The custodial sentence shall be ... (b) where the offence is a violent or sexual offence, for such longer term ... as in the opinion of the court is necessary to protect the public from serious harm from the offender."

Section 33 provides: "(3) ... protecting the public from serious harm from him shall be construed as ... protecting members of the public from death or serious personal injury, whether physical or psychological, occasioned by further such offences committed by him."

Mr Robert K. Atherton, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

THE LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the three victims were put in extreme distress and the judge implemented section 2(2)(b).

Mrs Justice Smith, when giving the judgment of the court in *R v Bowler* ([1993] 15 Cr App R (S) 78), in the case of a man addicted to indecent assaults on small girls, said that some women might shrug it off but others might not. The purpose of the section involved the protection of those women less robust than average, who might be vulnerable to the kind of conduct that the appellant was likely to perpetrate and who might suffer serious psychological consequences.

By analogy with that case their Lordships considered that the judge was justified in the present case in implementing section 2(2)(b). In February 1986 the appellant, who had been convicted of kidnapping and indecent assault on a male who was threatened with a knife, had been sentenced to five years imprisonment.

The judge had to perform a balancing act. In theory someone who was addicted to conduct which could cause serious harm to members of the public might need to be prevented from doing that for a long time. Where harm was likely to be very serious and looked likely to continue for a very long time an indeterminate sentence might be appropriate.

However, the judge in each individual case had to try to balance the need to protect the public with the need to look at the totality of the sentence and to see that it was not out of all proportion to the nature of the offender.

In the present case it sufficed to say that the judge could not be faulted in the sentence he passed.

It was quite impossible to give any guidance as to the length of sentence appropriate to the section. Each case turned on its own facts and might require different responses.

The appeal was dismissed.

Crown disclaimer not a disposition

***Allied Dunbar Assurance plc* v Fowle and Others**

Before Mr Justice Garland

[Judgment January 28]

A Crown disclaimer of property which became *bona vacantia* on the removal of a company from the register was not a disposition for the purposes of section 655 of the Companies Act 1985. The effect of subsequent restoration of the company to the register was to revive the liabilities of persons who had given sureties for the company.

Mr Justice Garland so held in open court after a hearing in chambers rejecting an appeal by the first and second defendants, Kevin Fowle and Patrick Hicks, from an order of District Judge Litchfield giving summary judgment to the plaintiff against the third defendant, Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co Ltd, and for the third defendant on its contribution notice against the first and second defendants.

Section 653 of the Companies Act 1985 provides: "(1) The following applies if a company, or any member or creditor of it, feels aggrieved by the company having been struck off the register.

"(2) The court ... may ... order the company's name to be restored.

"(3) On an office copy of the order being delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration the company is deemed to have continued in existence as if its name had not been struck off ..."

Section 655 provides: "(1) The person in whom any property or right is vested by section 654 may dispose of, or an interest in, that property or right ...

"(2) Where such an order is made ... (b) the Crown ... shall pay to the company ... (ii) ... an amount equal to the value of the property, right or interest disposed of ..."

Mr Timothy Fancourt for the plaintiff; Mr Gavin Lightman, QC, for the first and second defendants; Mr David Hodge for the third defendant.

MR JUSTICE GARLAND said the third defendant held land on lease from the plaintiffs. The third defendant had assigned the lease to KGP Technical Services Ltd, of which the first and second defendants were directors. The first and second defendants had provided sureties that KGP would comply with the covenants of the lease.

KGP had been struck off the register pursuant to section 652(5) of the Companies Act 1985 and its interest in the lease had vested in the Crown as *bona vacantia* pursuant to section 654. At the instance of the sureties, the Crown had disclaimed the lease. Subsequently KGP had been restored by the registrar.

The sureties argued that they were discharged from liability by the disclaimer which was deemed to take effect from the moment that the leasehold interest vested in the Crown as *bona vacantia*. They submitted their liability did not revive on KGP's restoration to the register because the disclaimer constituted a "disposition" under section 65 entitling KGP to compensation under subsection (2) and relieving them of their liabilities under the covenants both to the plaintiffs and to the third defendants.

The plaintiffs and the third defendants submitted that the rights and liabilities of sureties were revived with retroactive effect when the company was restored to the register, since it was deemed to have continued as if it had not been struck off.

His Lordship reviewed the authorities and concluded that he was bound by the Court of Appeal decision in *Stacey v Hill* ([1901] 1 KB 660) to hold that the lease had determined from the date of the disclaimer so that the surety's liability for future arrears of rent was also determined.

The question was whether sureties' liability was restored when the company was revived under section 653(3). The plaintiffs and the third defendant argued that the effect of the section was that the lease was deemed never to have vested in the Crown so that no question of *bona vacantia* arose.

The sureties had argued that the disclaimer constituted a disposition, but his Lordship's answer was that it was not. Both the natural meaning of the words used and the meaning of Chapter VI of Part XXI of the 1985 Act pointed to an "as you were" situation once the company was restored to the register.

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GALLERIES: Young British painters at the Saatchi Gallery; plus market news and recommended shows

Feminism in the flesh

Charles Saatchi has turned his attention from conceptualism to painting. Richard Cork reports

In the past, a head of dried blood and a pickled shark have confronted visitors who braved the dizzying whiteness of the Saatchi Gallery. For his third exhibition of young British artists, though, our most voracious contemporary collector confounds all expectations. Painted canvases fill the available space, and the images they contain are, for the most part, unashamedly figurative.

Saatchi is not alone in deciding to focus on new painters: the Hayward Gallery will soon be unveiling, as a companion to its Dali show, an international survey called "Unbound: Possibilities in Painting". So the hallowed business of mark-making on canvas is once again a focus for debate. Having enjoyed a few over-promoted years in the 1980s, when a hectic neo-expressionism became fashionable, painting has in recent years been overshadowed by sculpture, installation art and other alternative media. But what John Golding describes as "the most aristocratic of the visual arts" will never fade away. Its innate resilience has just been demonstrated in Lucian Freud's success, and at the Saatchi Gallery a 23-year-old called Jenny Saville proves that the Freudian legacy can be a fruitful starting-point for the emergent generation.

> "There is nothing abashed about these pendulous presences"

Nowadays, artists often spend so long at college that they are rarely expected to produce anything significant before the age of 30. So the overwhelming assurance and finality of Saville's work is quite a surprise. The first image we encounter in the grandest Saatchi space is a titanic triptych entitled *Strategy*. Each panel takes a different view of a mountainous woman, dressed only in unflattering underwear. Seen from below, her thighs, belly and breasts take on epic proportions.

As my eyes travelled up her bulging flesh, I felt like a climber tackling an awesome rocky outcrop. Saville has subtitled her triptych *South Face/Front Face/North Face*, and she probably realises that the metaphor of woman as mountain has already been explored in British art by Henry Moore. Unlike Moore, however, she makes little attempt to transform her figures. Far from undergoing a metamorphosis, they remain uncompromisingly real.

But they are far from straightforward. Rather than painting a posed sitter, Saville relies on photographs either of herself or a model. There is a tough element of self-disclosure about these daunting images. If her precocious skill enables Saville to render the lividness of north European flesh, she never seems to view them with clinical dispassion. Her sense of involvement is paramount.

In an age when fashion presents women as waif-like creatures, Saville's Amazons act as a meaty corrective. They make no attempt to hide their Rubensian girth, and their faces are the opposite of ingratiating. In *Branded*, the woman grabs a hefty fistful of her own sagging stomach and brandishes it, as if in defiance of anyone who scorns her bulk. There is nothing abashed about these pendulous presences. They thrust their flabbiness towards us, display their stretchmarks and, in a close-up worthy of Oliver Cromwell, expose the wart protruding from a swollen cheek.

All the same, they stop well short of complacency. On the surface of the colossal nude in *Plan*, lines undulate like the contours marking hilly regions on a map. Coursing across ribs, belly and thighs, they reinforce the notion of woman as landscape. And Saville places the body in a more recumbent pose here, so that we look down at her from above.

But why are the lines there? According to the artist, they represent "the marks they make before you have liposuction done to you". So this is woman as target, someone so dissatisfied with amplitude that she is submitting herself to the surgeon's knife.

Another source of disquiet arises from the words scratched onto some of the figures. "Svelte" has been incised, in mirror writing, on one woman's distended stomach. It reads like a condemnation, carved in her superfluous flesh by an observer determined to make the errant body conform to current stereotypes. However much Saville's work implies a desire to escape from tyrannical rules about acceptable physiques, the words suggest that she recognises the potency of fashionable edicts. Hence the anger with which they appear to rip into the women's flesh.

These are paintings where the rigour and exactitude of the realist tradition is allied, quite startlingly, with the rawness of street-corner graffiti. That is why Saville will be a painter to watch if she sustains her present achievement.

Simon English, more than a decade older than Saville, is equally prolific. He shares her commitment to figurative art, devoting each of his canvases to the nude. But there the resemblance ends. English paints men absorbed in their own private world. Her bodies are brazen and alone, whereas his are furtive and congregate in spaces resembling bars or changing-rooms.

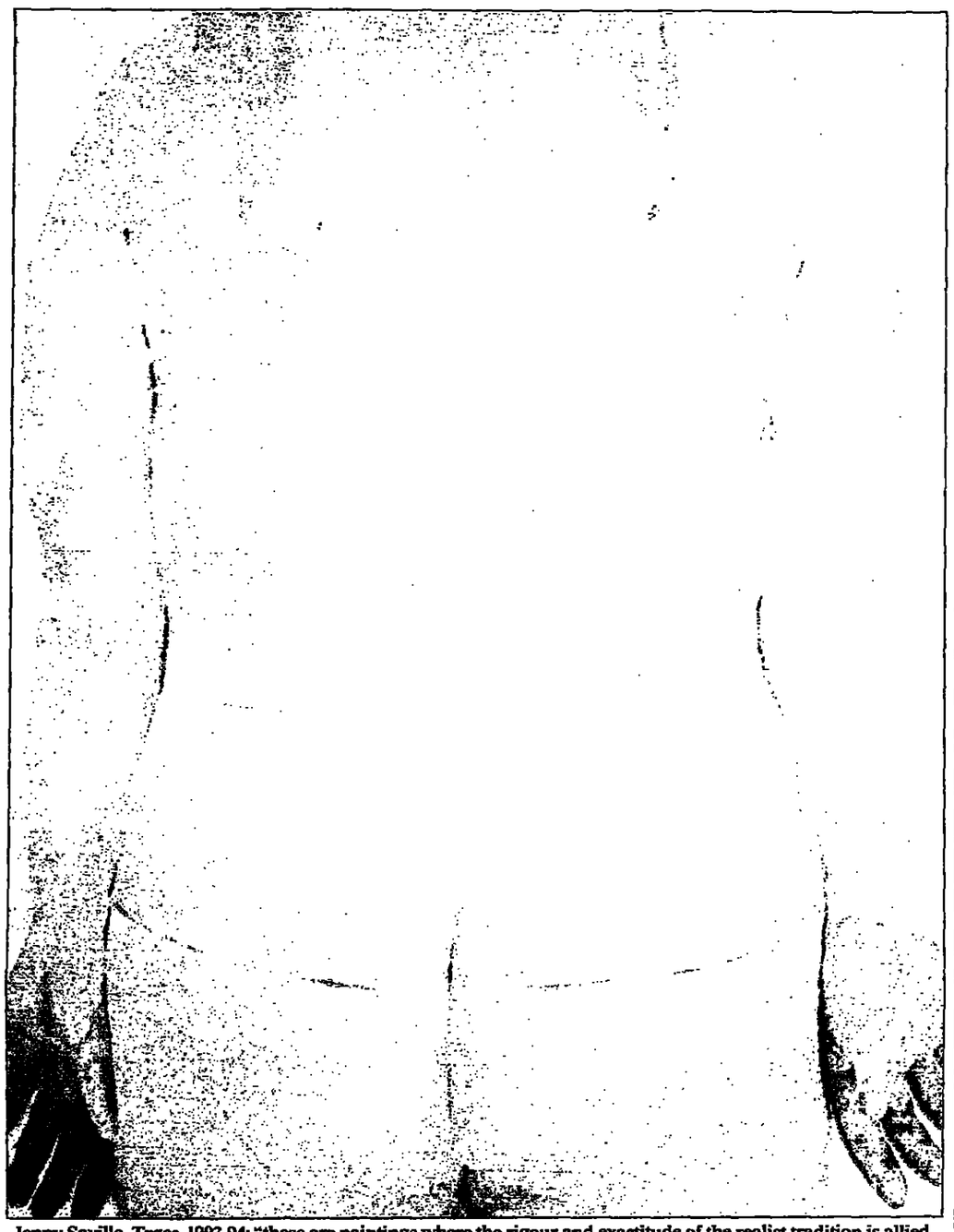
The sexual charge in his work is wholly homoerotic, laced with fear and guilt. Although they gather in communal locations, these figures rarely seem to talk. Lined up against a bar, they all look despondent and curiously isolated. Even when they close on each other and begin to couple, there is no sense of relish or fulfilment. Sex is presented here as an impersonal activity, indulged in by people who remain unknown to their partners. They all appear burdened by the impossibility of achieving anything more than hurried, shadowy contact. And English's free, fluent brushwork accentuates their predicament. After a while, his work becomes monotonous and oppressive. If the compositions vary, the mood does not. It remains gloomy and self-pitying, suggesting that English regards homosexuality as a predicament devoid of joy.

It is a relief to turn from this lachrymose vision and encounter Simon Callery's paintings. No emotional wallowing can be detected in his bleached, spartan images. But these pictures need time. After a while, their references to urban views grow mistily apparent. He invites us to raise our eyes above the people whom Saville and English might study, and look towards the polluted, rain-sodden greyness of the sky.

Nothing can be pinned down with certainty, however. Saville's appetite for pictorial fact is replaced, here, by elusiveness. Instead of following English's example and asserting bravura brushwork, Callery restricts himself to spare horizontal lines and diffident curves. His approach is ascetic, linking him with the puritanism of the Euston Road School. But he does not share William Coldstream's insistence on scrutinising his subject as the painting proceeds. Callery's cityscapes are based more on recollection than observation.

Within the limits he imposes on himself, Callery ends up achieving a modest lyricism. Quietly devoted to his native London, he finds a muted poetry even in the pallor of a metropolitan panorama.

● Young British Artists III at the Saatchi Gallery, 98A Boundary Road, NW8 until mid-August, open Fri, Sat, Sun 12-6



Jenny Saville, *Trace*, 1993-94: "these are paintings where the rigour and exactitude of the realist tradition is allied, quite startlingly, with the rawness of street-corner graffiti. Saville will be a painter to watch if she can sustain this."

Khalili at the BM

ART MARKET DIARY

THE enigmatic career of Dr David Khalili has taken a new turn, now that the British Museum has agreed to run an exhibition of his Japanese art collection in September. The Iranian-born dealer-turned-collector was the subject of much speculation in 1992 when he offered his £1 billion Islamic collection to the nation on a 15-year lease.

People wanted to know the source of his apparently sudden fortune, as well as his long-term intentions. Museum experts said the nation was already well-endowed with Islamic works of art and that we need facilities in which to display them. The art world was further intrigued when the Iranian-born Khalili was questioned by Scotland Yard's art and antique squad last October on his unwitting possession of a stolen Islamic antique helmet.

Now, although the question of the Islamic collection's future remains unresolved, the BM is taking a significant step in Khalili's direction, by agreeing to show another of his collections, this time comprising ornamental crafts made during Japan's Meiji period (1868 to 1912). "He suggested the exhibition and we accepted because we thought the collection was very fine," says a BM spokesman, adding that the objects are "kitsch, but that was because they were produced for the export trade". As to any future projects together, he added firmly: "This has no connection whatsoever with his Islamic collection."

● Los Angeles's museums survived last month's earthquake virtually unscathed, thanks to all manner of Heath Robinson contraptions designed to keep the exhibits standing. The list ran from fishing lines and wax to high-tech isolator bases. As a result the only main casualties were a group of sculptures at the LA County Museum. The news was less cheerful for the area's commercial galleries: one artist lost all 70 ceramic pieces she had planned to show in New York.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

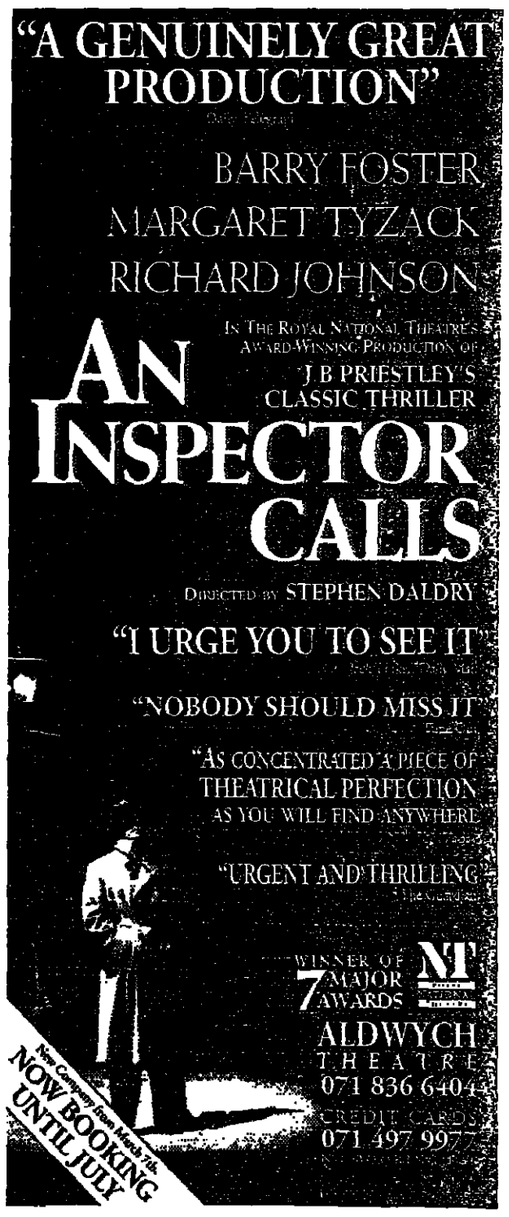
GALLERIES: CRITIC'S CHOICE

● **THE GOLDEN AGE 1730-1760:** The discovery that John Channon's famous *Powderham Bookcases* were increased in height when moved to new surroundings in the 19th century has caused a certain amount of fluttering in the media. But the rather grand and gloomy V&A exhibition of which the bookcase-section is centrepiece is not compromised: no one really supposed that Channon himself was responsible for every piece of the brass-inlaid furniture in the style associated with his name, and the show offers much information about his contemporaries, from the scarcely known to Thomas Chippendale.

● **PROSPECTS, THRESHOLDS, INTERIORS:** THE works in this exhibition of watercolours have been selected by Lewis Johnson from the National Collection at the V&A; the show's argument is that, despite recent associations with amateurism, in its day the watercolour was regarded as a vehicle of modern and progressive practice in art. Not only that, but its day continued at least until the Second World War — at least in Britain, where the watercolour was perceived as virtually a local invention and something affirming the national identity in art. The exhibition makes one stop and look again at even the most familiar works, and confers on the many less familiar a new stature.

Victoria and Albert Museum, 1 Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 8500) Mon 12 noon-5.50pm, Tues-Sun 10am-5.50pm. "Golden Age" until April 24, "Prospects" until May 15

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR



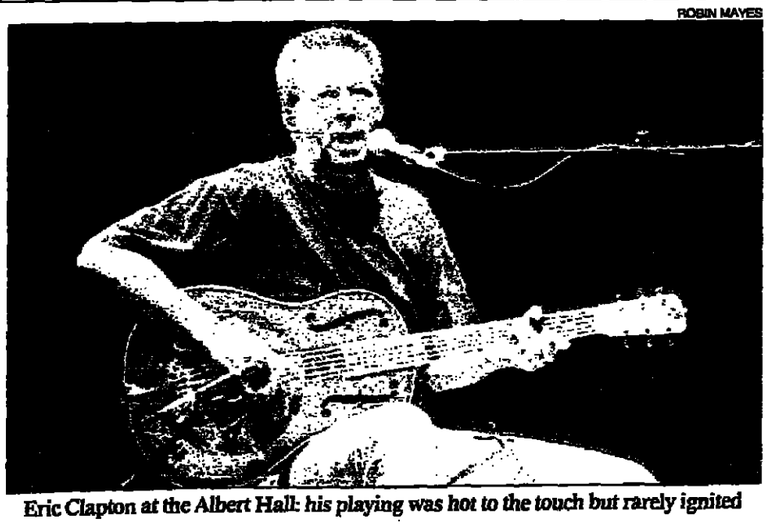
POP: The first of Eric Clapton's 12 Albert Hall concerts; Elastica try to justify the hype at the Electric Ballroom

Those holiday blues

SINCE 1987 Eric Clapton has booked the Albert Hall each winter for a series of concerts. Whether he has a new record to plug or not, he changes the musical menu, presenting blues, orchestral and rock nights each year — a wise move, since he could easily sell season tickets.

His choice of musicians is always faultless, and the 1994 line-up features such exemplary players as Chris Stainton on keyboards and Andy Fairweather Low on guitar.

Clapton eased unannounced on stage, in jeans and T-shirt and looking supremely relaxed. "I'm not going to talk much — just play as usual," he said, almost getting out his pipe and slippers. Much as it is an achievement in itself to create such a feeling of cosy well-being, there was a worry that this was not to be a night of fresh horizons. In a curious decision of pacing, Clapton played out his Robert Johnson, Big Maceo and Muddy Waters fantasies by opening with 55 relentless minutes of blues covers, played with a brilliance that his high profile these last few years has perhaps rendered over-familiar. No one complained, but no one got very animated either: the audience was yearning for some EC originals. It wanted Slowhand, not secondhand.



ROBIN MAYES

Eric Clapton at the Albert Hall: his playing was hot to the touch but rarely ignited

As he finally switched into rock mode with "White Room" and "Badge", there was tangible relief. Clapton's playing was hot to the touch but rarely ignited, his version of "Stone Free" from last year's Hendrix tribute album a rare incendiary moment. "Crossroads" became a handjive shuffle and "Layla" was restored to its Derek and the Dominoes-era rockiness at the end of a set that was solid but smokeless. By the time of his 100th appearance here, a charity event next Monday, the show will doubtless have been run in, but while it was good to visit Clapton on his annual vacation, it begins to look as though he should go somewhere else for his holidays next year.

PAUL SEXTON

Short and sharp

NOBODY could blame Elastica for courting publicity. But having inspired a media blitz out of all proportion to their actual achievements, the three-woman, one-man group now find a daunting burden of expectation resting on their slender shoulders.

Comparisons with Suede are inevitable, not only because of all the Next-Big-Thing fuss, but because Elastica's singer and guitarist, Justine Frischmann, was, briefly, a member of Suede. She even shares Brett Anderson's inability to find a hairdresser who can cut straight.

She is flanked on stage by guitarist Donna Matthews, in white shirt and skinny tie, and bassist Annie Holland, who arrives with fag clamped firmly in her mouth. This is their first headlining tour and they play their entire repertoire: every song they have ever released and several more besides. It lasts for 32 minutes.

The sound is tinny, and becomes increasingly prone to squalls of bass and treble feedback as the performance progresses. Frischmann herself complains that the overall volume is too low, several times. They look self-conscious; some of the performances are hesitant, and there is at least one false start. They are a band with a lot to learn.

The idea that Elastica may be harbingers of a revolution to rival that of punk in the late 1970s is far-fetched. But like the best punk groups they do bring a brash enthusiasm to the task in hand, and they keep it brief.

There is more to it than that, however. The eccentricities and angularities of their music are rooted as much in the tradition of English art-rock bands like XTC and Wire as in the excitements of mainstream punk.

Even at this early stage, there is enough substance and joy in their performance to suggest that Elastica will be more than a nine-day wonder. At the moment they lack the assurance and authority to be the next big thing. They don't even have enough songs. But if they survive the hype, they could become an intriguing force to be reckoned with.

DAVID SINCLAIR

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

FALSTAFF. David Pountney's colourful production of Verdi's great last opera returns to **ENO** with Benjamin Luxon in the title role. See review, right.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 3161). Tonight and Fri, 7.30pm.

THE KITCHEN. Opening night for Stephen Daldry's in-the-round Wesker. The stalls will not be in use, there is seating on the stage at Dress Circle level, and a kitchen on scaffolding in between with 30 chefs rushing manically about.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Tonight, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat 3.30pm.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. Joan Rodgers and Fiona Kimm join Gennadi Rozhdestvensky and the orchestra for a concert of Dvořák songs and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 2, *Little Russian*.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM. As part of the city's Towards the Millennium festival, **Birmingham Royal Ballet** celebrates the revolutionary choreography of the 1930s with the work of three pioneers. Ninette de Valois is represented by her 1931 masque *Job*, while Kurt Jooss' *The Green Table* is back for another viewing. Plus the company premiere of Balanchine's glorious *Serenade*. On Thurs through to Sat, a revival of *La Fille mal gardée*, Ashton's very witty tale of two lovers and the widow they outwit.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street, (021-622 7486). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed at 2pm and Sat at 2.30pm.

NORWICH. Alain Kirili, a French sculptor who lives in America, has never before shown in Britain. His work is abstract but full of energy, using forged iron, wood and terracotta, fully justifying his own comparisons with the free jazz of Charlie Parker and Charles Mingus, or the Abstract Expressionist painter Willem De Kooning.
Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, University of East Anglia (0603 56060). Tues-Sun, midday-5pm. Till May 15.

SHEFFIELD. The Chicago-based Steppenwolf company brought **The Grapes Of Wrath** to the National five years ago. Now Michael Rudman directs this epic work, with Bill Stewart, Charlotte Cornwell, Patrick O'Kane and plenty of Cajun and Blue Grass music.
Crucible, Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Mar 2 and 12, 2.30pm. Until March 12.

WOKING. Brian Glover is the lecherous Miller in **The Canterbury Tales**. Michael Bogdanov's Chaucer with a modern vaudevillian twist. Said to *have all the spectacle and humour of* the original and told in the form of an annual "Geoffrey Chaucer story-telling competition".
New Victoria Theatre, The Peacocks Arts Centre (0483 761144). Tonight-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 2.30pm, Sat 4pm.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: All Human Life: Hulton Deutsch Collection (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum**: Devices and Devotions: Hindu art (071-636 1555) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: Holbein and the Court of Henry VIII (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: Claude, the Poetic Landscape (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts**: Art of the Ancient World (071-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: Wall to Wall (071-402 6075) ... **Tate**: Picasso (071-887 8008) ... **Victoria & Albert**: Fabergé: The Golden Age 1730-1760: brass inlaid furniture (071-938 8500)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◪ **AN ABSOLUTE TURKEY.** Felicity Kendal plays a harassed wife and Griff Rhys Jones a frantic bachelor, in Peter Hall's most enjoyable production of Feydeau's *Le Dindon*.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **AND WOMEN MUST WEEP.** Four short plays by Schnitzler, set in a Viennese boarding-house, newly translated for this enterprising company.
Greenwich Studio Theatre, Prince of Orange, Greenwich High Road, SE10 (081-858 2862). Tues-Sun, 8pm. Until Mar 13.

☐ **APRIL IN PARIS.** Gary Olsen and Maria Friedman in John Godber's simplistic play about the benefits of travel.
Ambassadors, West Street, WC2 (071-836 6111). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 5pm and Sun 4pm.

☐ **CURSE OF THE WEREWOLF.** See a man change into a savage brute before your very eyes! New thriller by Ken Hill, who brought us *The Invisible Man*.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (081-534 0310). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats (in March) Thurs and Sat, 2pm. Until Mar 19.

☐ **ENDGAME.** Peter Bourke and John Quentin play Hamm and Clov in a rare Beckett revival: the original dustbin play.
BAC Studio 2, Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, Sun 5.30pm. Until March 13.

☐ **THE GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR.** Gogol's evergreen satire transposed to Ulster before World War One. Dan Gordon and Sylvester McCoy play the down-and-outs mistaken for officials.
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Tue-Sat, 8pm; mats Sat 4pm, Sun 5pm and Mar 2, 2pm.

■ **EDDIE IZZARD.** The man is back for another solo season of comedy and sharp good sense.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sat, 8pm. Until Mar 19.

◪ **THE LIFE OF GALILEO.** David Hare's new version of the Brecht. Richard Griffiths plays the worldly-wise scientist hamstrung by the Inquisition.
Almeida, Almeida St, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4pm.

☐ **ME AND MAMIE O'ROURKE.** French and Saunders in wretchedly lightweight US play about lesbian fantasies.
Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Thurs 8pm, Fri, Sat 6pm and 8.45pm.

☐ **THE NEW MENOZA:** *First in the Gate's season of 18th-century* Age of Un-Reason' drama. Jacob Lenz's hero is an oriental traveller trying to apply good sense to the manic crises of a small German town.
Gate, Pembridge Rd, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. Until March 19.

☐ **PIAF.** Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvellous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm.

☐ **SCHIPPEL, THE PLUMBER.** Final week for Jeremy Sams' joyous production of Sternheim: a snobbish vocal quartet is obliged to cross class barriers to recruit a vital tenor.
Greenwich, Crooms Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 2pm.

☐ **SEPTEMBER TIDE.** Daphne du Maurier's drama of inappropriate passion returns to the West End (last time 1948), from the King's Head. Susannah York stars as the decent woman in love with her son-in-law, played by Michael Praed.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm.

◪ **WILDEST DREAMS.** Ayckbourn's moved hilarious despair with grim laughter as fantasy-game addicts *come to grief*.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ... ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ☐ **Carousel**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ◪ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ... ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) ... ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ■ **Grease**: Dominion (071-580 8845) ... ◪ **Hot Stuff**: Cambridge (071-494 5040) ... ☐ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... ☐ **Medea**: Wyndham's (071-867 1116) ... ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ☐ **Oleanna**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ... ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ... ☐ **Relative Values**: Savoy (071-836 8888) ... ◪ **She Stoops to Conquer**: Queens (071-494 5041) ... ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ■ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) ... ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ... ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **A BRONX TALE** (18): Potent yarn of father, son and neighbourhood wiseguys, from Chazz Palminteri's one-man show. A strong directing debut by *Robert De Niro*.
MGMs: Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

LA CRISE (15): Misfortunes rain down on the French bourgeoisie. Attractive social comedy from Coline Serreau with Vincent Lindon and Patrick Timsit.
Everyman (071-435 1525) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Odeon Haymarket** (0426-915 353)

FLIGHT OF THE INNOCENT (18): Italian urchin flees family tragedy. A good subject let down by vulgar images. Director, Carlo Carlei.
Metro (071-437 0757)

SCHINDLER'S LIST (15): German businessman (Liam Neeson) saves his Jewish workers from the camps. Impressive, grown-up epic from Steven Spielberg co-stars Ralph Fiennes and Ben Kingsley.
Empire (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES** (PG): Overblown sequel, with good stretches, from America's most macabre household. Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston star. Barry Sonnenfeld directs.
MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031)

THE AGE OF INNOCENCE (U): Scorsese's spellbinding, heartfelt version of Edith Wharton's novel about stifled love in old New York. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer and Winona Ryder.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **CARLITO'S WAY** (18): Can Al Pacino's gangster go straight? Lively ethnic-flavoured drama from Brian De Palma, with Sean Penn.
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031)

◆ **FAREWELL MY CONCUBINE** (15): Chen Kaige's bumper bundle of dazzling visuals, Peking Opera, and Chinese history.
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) **Electric** (071-792 2020/0328) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeon Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

◆ **FREE WILLY** (U): Tearaway lad finds his soulmate, a surly amusement park whale. Family film that aims low and has. Simon Wincer directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303) **Warner** (071-439 4343)

◆ **IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER** (15): Father and son share a prison cell. Powerful, urgent film inspired by the Guildford Four stars Daniel Day-Lewis, Pete Postlethwaite and Emma Thompson. Jim Sheridan directs.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0800-888 997) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303) **Warner** (071-439 4343)

◆ **MANHATTAN MURDER MYSTERY** (PG): Benign, frivolous comedy stars Woody Allen, Diane Keaton, Alan Alda and Anjelica Huston.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Odeons: Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098)

◆ **MRS DOUBTFIRE** (12): Divorced *dad gets hired as the family's* housekeeper. Indulgent, crude and funny vehicle for Robin Williams. Sally Field, Pierce Brosnan and Harvey Fierstein co-star.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914096) **West End** (0426-915 574) **Screen/Baker** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Plaza** (0800 888997)

LES VISITEURS (15): Crude, raucous time-travelling comedy, a huge hit in France. With Christian Clavier, Jean Reno. Director, Jean-Marc Poiré.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

OPERA: Verdi returns to both London houses; plus Berlioz's "légende dramatique" in concert

Merry wives raucously revived

DONALD COOPER



Benjamin Luxon as Falstaff: a portrayal stripped of exaggeration, winning sympathy through its humanity

Falstaff
Coliseum

FROM the start, David Pountney's speedy, romping production of ENO *Falstaff* was in danger of edging into callousness. Marie-Jeanne Lecca's highly coloured toytown sets — with Windsor's houses looking like Nos 1-8 Tudor Close, and the Forest carrying the neon glow of Vegas — pushed it in *that direction. Benjamin Luxon in the* title role and Mark Elder, the original conductor, pulled it back again.

Luxon, happily, remains on stage, his baritone in firmer shape than at the last revival. His Falstaff is an ancient dog, a generation older than anyone else around, with rolls of white hair sprouting from cranium and chin. He can summon up the strength to berate Bardolph and Pistol (excellently played by Edward Byles and Andrew Slater as *a pair of bully* boys). And he can don his finery in pursuit of Windsor's ladies. But it is all a bit of an effort, Luxon gently suggests. Falstaff would be just as happy with a quiet pint of sack in his inglenook. It is a portrayal *stripped of all exaggeration, which* wins sympathy through its humanity.

Elder, alas, has gone, and with him too the Verdian glow he spread over the score. Andrew Litton, of the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, is too raucous a conductor. On his house debut he indulged in over-fast tempi and braying brass when he should have given autumnal colouring to Verdi's final opera. Falstaff's ruminations on the world's injustices at the beginning of Act III were a notable casualty. Nor was there much musical magic to be found beneath Herne's Oak.

Alan Opie was the most impressive newcomer to the cast, a Ford of stature and dignity despite having to wear a series of bumfreezer jackets. Disguised as "Mr Brook" he looked suspiciously like John Rawnsley in the Miller *Rigoletto* — one of the ENO's in-jokes, perhaps. But the voice now has an opulence which should soon lead on to Falstaff himself.

The two new lovers were less convincing and needed a guiding hand from the revival director, Nicolette Molnar. Timothy Robinson has a clean, neatly focused tenor. But his Fenton is too schoolboyish, not a very good catch for the Nanetta of Sarah Pring, who is allowed too much flouncing around when she should be charming the whole of Berkshire.

There is an *accomplished* trio of Windsor wives, with Anne Collins's apple-cheeked Quickly outstanding. But overall the performance is too loud and coarse. The soothing influence of one or two of the Garter Inn's products is needed. Or, better still, the arm of Mark Elder.

JOHN HIGGINS

Young Australian makes notable debut

Rigoletto
Covent Garden

THE Royal Opera's recent excellent run, with successes as diverse as *Chérubin* and *Elektra*, is maintained by the revival of *Rigoletto*. Nuria Espert's production glowers from the stage, with Verdi's Mantua resembling the stews of Dickensian London locked in dank mists. But there is a musical lightness and assurance that elevates the whole evening.

Much of the credit goes to the young *Australian conductor Simone Young*, who on her house debut shows command of a score that has wriggled from the hands of many a more experienced maestro. She has already caught the eye of Barenboim and Abbado and it is *easy to see why. There is a natural* sense of singers' needs: the orchestra is kept quietly tender as Rigoletto pours out his love for Gilda and then lightly mocking as the Duca arrives to try on his blandishments. But full theatrical rein is allowed as the trumpets blaze revenge at the end of Act II and the storm later moans over Sparafucile's tavern for whoring and killing.

With this *Rigoletto* Young makes it clear that the *rising generation* of opera conductors is not exclusively Italian — or male. A swift return engagement, please.

The evening's other debutante is the Korean soprano Young-ok Shin. Her *feathery-voiced Gilda, light and* very silvery, looks back to an era when dainty sopranos such as Pagliughi and Toti dal Monte were favoured for the part. More recently sturdier ladies have tended to be the norm.

"Caro nome" had blessed accuracy and no flashy fireworks. Gilda's account of how her infatuation with the Duca began in church, "Tutte le feste", carried with it all the lessons of experience. More Italian *fire would have* helped in "Si, vendetta", but this was still a refreshing and individual interpretation.

Giorgio Zancanaro was scheduled for his first London Rigoletto, but *illness forced him out on opening night* and Leo Nucci, equally experienced in the part, stepped in. Nucci uses his lack of stage inches to turn the jester into a small, put-upon functionary who could have stepped from Gogol. He is literally dwarfed by the courtiers in white tie and tails before he starts his denunciation of the sycophants. Nucci puts everything into "Cortigiani" and no worm turned with more venom. Rightly, he got an ovation.

Gilda describes the Duca as fatally handsome. Francisco Araiza certainly answers that description. He could have challenged Caesar Romero any day when Latins were really lovers on the silver screen. It is seven years since he last sang at the Garden and his upper register seems to have lost a bit of its sheen, not surprising when he *has been singing roles as* heavy as Walther in *Meistersinger*. Araiza approached his top notes with caution, which suggests that the Duca is not an obvious role for him now. But he remains a most graceful tenor and no one *curls a lip* better.

Alastair Miles makes Sparafucile a hit man well worth his 20-ducats fee, and Claire Powell, alternating between Maddalena here and Annina in the Coliseum's *Rosenkavalier*, must qualify for the title of operatic ogler of the month.

J.H.

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OF ALL history's re-creators of the Faust legend, it is Hector Berlioz who gives us Faust the Picture-Book. His *légende dramatique, Le Damnation de Faust*, was always intended for the *concert hall rather than the operatic* stage: its tableaux come to life as a collaboration between the performers' artistry and the listeners' imagination.

In recent years, though, the smell of the greasepaint has lured Mephistopheles and his *crew on to the boards, and* the memory of Harry Kupfer's striking production, conducted by Sir Colin Davis at the Royal Opera almost exactly a year ago, still reverberates in the memory. Now, a London concert performance has to be on its mettle and to work doubly hard to forge its drama of the imagination by purely musical means.

The Philharmonia had a head start on Saturday. This was the climax of its highly successful series of three concerts with the American conductor James Levine, and morale was clearly *high: the Philharmonia* Chorus is in top form; and an impressive quartet of soloists had been selected.

Levine may not be a Berliozian of the stature and long devotion of a Colin *Davis: but if his reading was a little* short on sweep and sheer momentum, then its eye for detail — particularly in the airborne orchestral transitions from scene to scene — acted as a potent stage-manager. From the thick air of Faust's study, out to the tavern, up into the fragrant air of the Elbe meadowland, on and on we sped, on *the wings of Mephistopheles and with* the restless yearning of Faust himself.

This Faust, though, was the evening's sole disappointment. Gary Lakes, an American Wagnerian, who has nevertheless made his mark in *Berlioz's own Les Troyens*, seemed ill at ease here. Buried in his score, he gave a performance which lacked that sort of imaginative anticipation and verbal engagement essential to fuse words and melody and to grip the listener.

José van Dam has, over the years, almost grown a forked tail, so complete in its sardonic darkness and biting wit is his Mephistopheles. Standing in at short notice for Anne Sophie von Otter, Maria Ewing's Marguérite was less of a purely linguistic tour de force. But it was entirely hypnotic in its trance-like control of melody and tone, from the *moment she entered, the voice haloed* as if from the glow of her lamp, to the sense of tremulous ecstasy she brought to her Romance. In her performance, and also in that of Roderick Earle's cameo Brander, the drama of the *imagination was, indeed, as cogent as* any on stage.

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BERLIN FILM FESTIVAL: The Golden Bear may have gone to Jim Sheridan's *In the Name of the Father*, but the latest from Ken Loach gets Geoff Brown's vote



Prize-winning portrait of an unfit mother — Maggie (Crissy Rock) broods beneath pictures of the four children she fights to keep in Ken Loach's *Ladybird Ladybird*

We were dragging our heels at the Berlin Film Festival: not much to enthuse over even the Golden Bear prize winner, **In the Name of the Father**, was old news for the British critics); too many rides in the shuttle cars to the journalists' outpost in the Kongresshalle near the Reichstag. Then along came Ken Loach with **Ladybird Ladybird**, a film powerful enough to waken the dead, to which any press corps at the end of a festival bears some resemblance.

Hardened cynics held their breath as Maggie, the Liverpudlian in London, raged and wept, struggling to keep her children and newborn babies out of the hands of social workers who persisted in viewing her as an unfit mother. The largely comic tone of *Riff-Raff* and *Raining Stones* has gone: this tale, developed by author Rona Munro from a true case, offers much to wrench hearts, little to laugh at.

Loach, a director who is, to our shame, far more appreciated abroad than at home, assiduously avoids most of the traps into which the material invites him to fall. He does not present the social workers as fools or devils; nor does he hide the violent temper that makes Maggie appear such a bad parent. Jorge, the gentle Paraguayan who gives her the chance for love, not abuse, may appear more of a saint than necessary. But the only permanently worrying aspect in this searing film (funded entirely by Channel 4) is the assumption that Maggie is right to have one child after another. Has no one heard of over-population, or condoms?

The performances, largely from amateur actors, are astonishingly vivid. Musician Vladimir Vega is most persuasive as Jorge; but the film belongs to Crissy Rock, a Liverpool mother, housewife and stand-up club comedian with no previous acting experience who came away, as everyone expected, with the Best Actress prize. When asked at the press conference for her curriculum vitae, she disarmingly said: "I haven't done anything. I've wallpapered the living room, fed the cat. I go to work. I'm just an ordinary person." Not after this film.

Loach's film aside, the competition section lurched day by day from the brilliant (Kieślowski's **Three Colours: White**) to the honourable (Paul Cox's island mood piece **Exile**) to the downright peculiar. Some said the strangest Berlin sight was Erich von Stroheim in a fez and eye-patch in the spy yarn **Mademoiselle Docteur**. But I nominate **Smoking and No Smoking**, the pair of extraordinary if tiresome films Alain Resnais carved out of Alan Ayckbourn's eight-play cycle *Intimate Exchanges*.

Over nearly five hours, two excellent actors, Sabine Azéma and Pierre Arditti, assume nine characters and reach 12 different endings in 12 linked tales of frustrated love set in and around the Yorkshire home of Toby Teasdale, sodden headmaster, and his nervy wife Celia. Once one tale is concluded, the screen goes blank, the dramatic clock is reset and the action takes a different path through the maze.

Judged purely by its exquisite acting, studio settings and amusing costumes, the films shape up as a connoisseur's delight. But aside from a few pleasant comic chunks and a dance with death in the clifftop mist, they offer all the dramatic bite of a toothless sheep. You start with high interest, then droop by the hour. Audiences in France, excited perhaps by the exotic material, have been very welcoming. So were the Berlin jury, who gave a special prize for Resnais's "originality". It will be interesting to see how the Brits react.

Other cherished names lost some lustre during the festival. Bertolucci's **Little Buddha**, the opening night film, earned thumbs up for its visual delights, but thumbs down for its naïve and awkward dramatic content. Márta Mészáros's **Foetus**, a tale of two women, one embryo and Hungarian society, smothered its potential with soap bubbles.

Then there was Aki Kaurismäki's **Leningrad Cowboys Meet Moses**. Before the first screening tongues hung out at the thought of a sequel to the goofy comedy that introduced the Finnish rock'n'roll group with boots and quiffs several feet long. Then the lights went down and up came a juvenile, ramshackle film with scarcely one good joke to its name. Fans of Kaurismäki, the Finnish jester — and there are many in Berlin — even booed.

But failures and embarrassments are as much a part of festival life as films that generate a buzz, that excited word of mouth which causes punters to cluster at screenings like bears round a honeypot. Prospective buyers packed into one market viewing room for **Red Firecracker, Green Firecracker**. When the seats were filled, they lay on their backs, inches away from the screen.

This film, by He Ping, Chinese director of *The Swordsman in Double-Flag Town*, tells the provocative story of the heiress to a firecracker business and her love for the feisty artist hired to decorate the household's doors. He Ping's handling lacks the rigour Zhang Yimou might have supplied: as the passions ricochet through the ornate rooms, upstairs and down, you cannot but recall *Raise the Red Lantern* or *Jou Dou*. But he still makes a tasty movie dish, complete with bangs, bright colours and outrageous sexual symbolism.

Buzz was also generated by Rose Troche's **Go Fish**, heralded as a lesbian comedy fresh enough to appeal outside the gay community. Yet its awkward mix of rough performances and fancy photographics did not persuade me.

Out of all the festival's sections, it was probably the Panorama that had most of the goodies. The Panorama played host to a fascinating new departure by Nikita Mikhalkov, known mostly for literary adaptations. In **Anna: 6 — 18** he uses home-movie footage of his own daughter taken over the years and weaves it into an original, if overlong portrait of the Soviet Union's last chaotic decade.

Each year Mikhalkov asked Anna the same questions: what are her desires, fears, loves and hates? She starts, aged six, wanting a crocodile. Then indoctrination crowds in on the innocent girl: she wants world peace, she wants to live decently. At the festival screening, Mikhalkov filmed her reactions as she sat in the audience watching the footage for the first time; grist perhaps for the sequel the director has promised.

The Panorama also offered the marvellous **Sonyonje**, from South Korea's most distinguished director, Im Kwon-Taek. Audiences emerged with spirits soaring, moved by the images' urgent simplicity and the power of its story about an itinerant folk musician and the two children in tow.

The heroine (Oh Jung-Hae), an adopted daughter who loses her child playmate, then her sight, and is left alone with a skill for which the modern world has little use, gives an astonishing performance. Other festival offerings have already become blurred: this film lingers like a minor masterpiece.

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Helen Masters and Kieron Forsyth as Ellen and Frankie in Thomas Kett's comedy *Acid Hearts*, at the Finborough

IBSEN keeps coming back in good shape. **When We Dead Awaken** has popped up looking flabbergastingly lively down at the Man in the Moon, SW3. Ibsen's last play deals with Rubek, an ageing artist, frustrated by the death of his inspiration which he identifies with the now-ghostly and haggard Irene, his erstwhile model. Ibsen, then over 70, called this the epilogue to his previous plays. Yet he was also planning to start afresh, to move on from realism.

Director Andrew Pratt of Absolute Theatre illuminatingly takes *When We Dead Awaken* to be not so much Ibsen's goodbye to naturalism as his hello to symbolism. Pratt at once denaturalises and vitalises Ibsen's piece. He concretely realises passing references made during long discussions. Rubek mentions nosy hotel guests and hatches fly open, revealing a row of heads: a man with his ear to us: a woman with a watchful eye reflected in her hand-mirror.

> "I wasn't at sea, I was at the heart of the Bermuda Triangle"

Pratt gets exceptionally strong performances out of his cast. Colin Kaye's Rubek moves from rich-voiced weariness to screaming rage. Tim Loft, playing his cuckolder, creates a comic blundering fool with dangerous flashes. Amy Tolsky (Maja), apart from small lapses in accent, is dynamically amusing and Laura Cox, with an equally odd fascinating face, valiantly avoids melodrama as Irene, who is gagging to get her knife into the man whose cold artistic dedication killed her passionate soul.

In **Acid Hearts** (Finborough, SW10), a greasy take-away has been splatted between copies of *The Beano*. The sofa is macassared solid. Frankie, the stay-at-home, has been crushed for years by his brother Trev, a crude oily garage mechanic who stamps on Frankie's toes and boasts about cruising the boss's missus. Then Ellen turns up with a vacuum cleaner and a will of her own and the battle for possession of Frankie begins.

A comedy of sinister intruders, *Acid Hearts* looks sharp at its outset. John Stevenson's cramped hellhole of a council flat is deliciously grungy and performs a volte-face, converting into Ellen's spacious designer flat.

The cast is visually perfect: Simon Hepworth (Trev) with repulsive sideburns and stubby arms; Helen Masters (Ellen) between sexy and sharp-boned; Kieron Forsyth (Frankie), with paltry legs and hair plastered on one side. They pinpoint their characters with ties: drumming fingers betraying insecurity; a coquettish wiggle of the shoulders at odds with apparent hostility. Yet that vocabulary is too limited: Thomas Kett's characters develop in lurches and his plot twists are brash.

THE word on the streets is urban panic. That is not merely the theme of **Shiny Nylon**, an experimental dance-drama piece in the Women's Playhouse Trust's series, "life IN THE city". Actually getting to S-Shed (E14), the warehouse converted into a vast echoing theatre for this event, gives you the asphalt jungle jim-jams.

Astoundingly, once inside, warmed by my allotted hot water bottle and blanket, I felt completely at home in this freezing concrete bunker. S-Shed is an exciting, tough space. Its sheer scale is frightening. The down-and-out Billy Boy and the anorexic peroxide blonde Girl Babe, retreating into the far distance, become tiny lost souls in an empty industrial universe. *Shiny Nylon* is also a challenging artistic concept: both as a three-pronged collaboration between writer Deborah Levy, choreographer Kristina Page and installation artist Anya Gallaccio; and in its subject-matter: shootings, rape, inner-city loneliness, screwed-up relationships and suicide.

The text and dancework, however, are less chilling than you might expect. Both can seem more obscure than suggestive and, although "alternative", are not wholly original.

Jennifer Potter has vim as Bombay, a narrator-cum-alter ego-cum-character somewhere between a wicked queen, femme fatale and contemporary psycho.

Although the piece is structurally bitty, powerful images stick: Girl Babe (Page) hugs herself as if mentally unstable, tottering on her points in red ballet shoes; Bombay bears down on us with a gun, a towering velvet curtain following in her wake and blocking out the light. Lighting man Jim Hepplewhite's fierce follow-spots and sweeps of colour are crucially atmospheric and composer Billy Cowie's dangerous throbbing sounds are engulfingly alarming.

FOR Racine, love was a tragic sado-masochistic agony of the spirit. In **Andromache** King Pyrrhus tries to force tenderness out of his eponymous prisoner of war while his fiancée Hermione's adoration turns to murderous rage and Orestes' ardour for her is requited with loathing.

The Camden Studio's (NW1) basement, especially reinforced with a steel door, captures the remorseless claustrophobia of this universe of inflexible destiny and emotional culs-de-sac, of passion trapped inside aristocratic restraints, and, in the original French, articulated within the closed units and circumscribed elevated vocabulary of neo-classical verse.

English drama has no historical equivalent of rhyming alexandrines. Director Jon Harris's prose version is mostly easy on the ear but misses Racine's crucial metrical rigour. This translation is too free. Although generally steering smoothly between high-flown and informal language, it can be bathetically unmajestic. Orestes "takes the rap"; Pyrrhus is Andromache's "bit of trouser".

The production intentionally brings the ancient world up to date and invests stately 17th-century interaction with immediacy. Rusted scaffolding, like iron masts, combines antiquity and modernity. The costumes, less comfortably, also span the ages. Visually, the cast look as if they come from some quondam soap opera.

As the first middle-scale black company based outside London, Smilin' Mongoose from Manchester ought to be encouraged. Unfortunately, **Song of an Honorary Soulman** (Shaw Theatre, NW1) just isn't a good enough play.

Randhi McWilliams may go down in history for the most garbled storyline ever. His plot twists are a tangle. Behaviour is unbelievable and motivations obscure. Although he is trying to contemplate racial favouritism and prejudice, child-parent relationships, love and money, he cannot see the wood for the trees.

Last-act recognition scenes are fine, but an audience usually likes to have an inkling of who's who and what's happening somewhat earlier. I wasn't simply at sea here. I was at the heart of the Bermuda Triangle, in the eye of the storm, with my compass up the proverbial creek and nothing remotely resembling a paddle.

CABARET

Adept adapter

Maria Friedman
Donmar Warehouse

CURRENTLY appearing in John Godber's *April in Paris* at the Ambassadors Theatre, Maria Friedman is an actress-singer with a string of musical and other credits behind her.

In this solo showcase, titled "By Special Arrangement", she demonstrated her range and versatility with an extensive programme centred on familiar ground (perhaps too familiar when it came to her choices from the Gershwin, Bernstein and Brel songbooks), but with various rewarding excursions into less well-charted and sometimes previously unknown territory.

That the venue is currently decked out in approximation of a nightclub suited her purpose well. Working with a large and frequently distinguished group of players under the musical direction of Michael Haslam, she made the most of the enforced intimacy with an approach that was familiar but never ingratiating. By moving from stool to staircase to footlights to — occasionally — the frame setting of an overhead walkway, she brought physical variety to her selection.

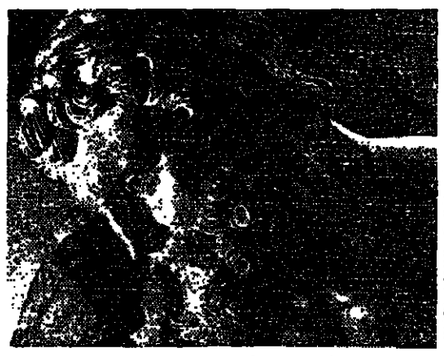
The distinction must be made that Friedman is an actress who sings, rather than a singer who acts. Hence she proved strongest on material that relied on dramatic rather than purely interpretative skills. She showed a sure touch on comic material such as "I'm Gorgeous", but was even better when called upon to temper her humour with pathos and vulnerability. Hence an original song about childhood. "The Golden Days?", or the more obviously theatrical *Follies* favourite "Broadway Baby" were particularly effective.

But the fact that she could hold the attention equally amid the sophisticated lyrics of Michel Legrand ("Now And Then", "You Still Belong To Me") or, particularly, Sondheim ("Not A Day Goes By") emphasised her adaptability.

"By Special Arrangement" will be performed at the Donmar on the next two Sunday evenings. Next weekend's show will also be recorded for future broadcast by Radio 2.

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Beenhakker falls foul of royal dissent

ROB HUGHES
Overseas Football

Saudi Arabia's World Cup mission could be overheating. When the national team qualified three months ago, Prince Sultan Bin Fahd, deputy chairman of the football federation, informed the world: "Our team will not be going like guests of honour, like some previous Asian countries."

Ten days later, the Saudis hired Leo Beenhakker, Holland's 1990 World Cup manager, to coach their team, and encouraged him to lure Wim Jansen, from Feyenoord, to assist in the task. Last Saturday night Beenhakker was summarily dismissed by Prince Faisal Bin Fahad, the Saudi football president and son of the king, and just as last October, when his Brazilian predecessor as coach was dismissed, there is a difference of opinion about the reasons.

One thing for certain is the determination of Saudi to try to compete in their first World Cup. By employing the hire-and-fire philosophy of the former Manchester City chairman, Peter Swales, the royals of Saudi are attempting to shift the sands of management. "His [Beenhakker] style was not appropriate for Saudi players," read an official declaration. "Under him our team stood little chance of winning the World Cup in the United States." So, the search is back on, probably for a Latin American coach rather than a European.

Beenhakker, dubbed "the White Tulip" when he managed Real Madrid to three successive Spanish titles, had wilted in the desert. His assumption is that he was "probably too tough on the Saudis". He had attempted to train them twice daily, where they, having only acquired full-time status in the past 12 months, felt three times a week sufficed. And when you try to order players whose qualifying gift from the federation was £65,000 plus a Mercedes per man, you need at the very least royal assent.

Beenhakker's mistake had apparently followed the same route, the same philosophy of Bill McGarry who, 20 years ago, managed Saudi Arabia with the motto "Get stuck in for the sake of Islam".

When McGarry was there he worked under the auspices of a man Prince Faisal referred to as "Jimmy". Jimmy Hill had been hired and given a £25 million budget to set up serious football in the oil state, and more recently the addiction to the world game had transformed a somewhat basic training headquarters into a £300 million stadium in Riyadh. Hill's lament had been that you could take Saudis to water, but you could not persuade them to head the ball. That has been overcome. Some of the priceless goals in the tight qualifying competition were scored in the air, and similarly the commitment has overcome the problems of nature, developing natural grass pitches in a country with scarce rainfall.

And yet Beenhakker, a coach who prides himself on his motivational qualities and his broad humanistic approach to working with footballers, asked the players too much. He apparently tried to instil in them the basics of "total football", the concept that even the Dutch, with all their high quality players, occasionally fall out over.

Whether it was the lack of time, or the lack of will to run, we may never know. For when the Saudis fired the Brazilian coach José Candido, during the qualifying tournament, the official version differed somewhat to the rumour.

Saudi officials suggested Candido had resigned in pique when his prince had ordered a change of goalkeeper during a match against Iraq. Candido's friends said that the Saudis had become infuriated when Candido established cordial relationships with his Iraqi counterpart, and decided that he went too far in telling his players to put the animosity and the political divide between Iraq and Saudi Arabia to the back of their minds.

Now Beenhakker, at 51, who has succeeded in coaching ever since a knee injury curtailed his playing career at 26, knows highly remunerated rejection once again. His trail from Ajax Amsterdam to Zaragoza and then twice to Real Madrid, had gone from one climatic extreme to the other. Last winter he was employed by Grasshoppers Zurich, and then to the heat of Riyadh.

With four years to go before he reaches the age at which he regards coaching to be too strenuous, Beenhakker is on the loose.

Horton cites attitude for City's slump

By Peter Ball and Keith Pike

STORM clouds are gathering over Manchester City. They play Aston Villa at Villa Park tonight still searching, fruitlessly, for a striker and in desperate need of points after defeat at Coventry City on Saturday left them in the bottom three of the Premiership.

That performance led to a meeting yesterday morning but Brian Horton, their increasingly beleaguered manager, said he remained baffled by the team's display. "I think it is down to attitude," Horton said. "If you are going to win anything, or get away from relegation, you have got to fight. Coventry outfought us — a hard-working side that had scored about one goal in five games, and then they get four.

"I am not panicking, there are 15 games to go, but it looks like five or six teams are involved in a straight fight, and the players need to realise we are one of them now. We need an away win from somewhere."

Since the injury to Niall Quinn City have found goals increasingly hard to come by, but their attempt to revive the deal with Liverpool for Ian Rush fell on stony ground yesterday. "I told Francis Lee that Ian said he only wanted to play for Liverpool," Peter Robinson, the Liverpool chief executive, said yesterday, "and so that means it is dead as far as we are concerned."

Speculation that Richard Thompson, the chairman of Queens Park Rangers, is going to put the club up for sale, has increased after Gerry Francis, the manager, said yesterday that his offer to stay with the club for another year had been turned down.

"Unfortunately, due to the circumstances, I was told it would not be possible at this time," Francis said. "I know what those circumstances are, but I can't say anything about them. Only the chairman can give you information on that and you will have to ask him." Thompson was unavailable for comment.

The Football Association of Wales (FAW) is to study video evidence of the crowd trouble that marred the FA Cup tie between Cardiff City and Luton Town at Ninian Park on Sunday.

The FAW will also consider reports from Roger Dilkes, the match referee, and Cardiff police before deciding what action to take. A meeting is likely to be held within the next fortnight.

Cardiff were given a suspended fine of £25,000 after their supporters' behaviour during a league match against Fulham at Craven Cottage in August, and already faced further punishment after trouble during the home game against Swansea City in December. Closure, or partial closure, of Ninian Park will be considered for the return game against Swansea. The clubs are also due to meet in the semi-finals of the Welsh Cup.

Barry Fry's overhaul of Birmingham City shows no signs of slowing down. Fry, who took charge at St Andrew's ten weeks ago, completed his eleventh signing yesterday when he paid Barnet £150,000 for Dave Barnett.

Fry completed the deal in time for Barnett, 26, to play in the first division derby against Wolverhampton Wanderers at Molineux tonight. Barnett had previously spent a month on loan with Birmingham.

KEVIN WISNIEWSKI



Coghlan acknowledges the applause after becoming the first veteran to break the four-minute mile mark

Coghlan's record foils celebrations

By David Powell
Athletics Correspondent

AN ATTEMPT to coincide the first sub four-minute mile by a veteran with a celebration to mark Roger Bannister's smashing of the barrier 40 years ago has been intercepted by Eamonn Coghlan, an American-based Irishman. In Boston on Sunday, Coghlan ran 3min 58.15sec at the age of 41.

The veterans' class starts at the age of 40 for men, and Coghlan came out of retirement at 39 to train with that in mind. Going through the half-mile in 1min 59.76sec, he was paced to the three-quarter mile mark by Stanley Redwine, but had to complete the last 440 yards alone.

On May 6, 1954, at Iffley Road, Oxford, Bannister set the most celebrated of all athletics records when he became the first man to run the mile in less than four minutes, with 3min 59.4sec. He ran the last 230 yards from the front.

Of the last 16 men who have set mile world records, all but Steve Ovett have agreed to attend a fortieth anniversary dinner at Oxford on May 6. As the first sub four-minute mile was achieved in Britain, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) thought that Iffley Road should be given the first chance of a double, and a veterans' mile was planned for May 7.

A sponsor, GT Law, was persuaded to back the event and, when the announcement was made six days ago, the BAF said: "Their sponsorship will enable the federation to bring to Britain all the leading contenders who hope to be the first veteran below four minutes."

As Coghlan set his record indoors, Britain may yet witness the first sub four-minute mile outdoors, but the appeal has been diminished by Coghlan's effort. His race was staged during a high school competition; the BAF race will be held during the Achilles club schools relays.

Although he was a prolific indoor runner, Coghlan's greatest success was winning the 5,000 metres at the 1983 world championships. But his latest achievement should not be understated. He had to overcome the decline in aerobic capacity, the reduction of testosterone and the greater susceptibility to injury that comes with age.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Bowler adds colour to indoor event

ROB Parrella, from Brisbane, the Commonwealth Games bowls champion, added to his reputation for eccentricity by turning up at the world indoor championships at Preston Guild Hall yesterday for his first-round match in the pairs with his hair dyed green (David Rhys Jones writes). The Italian-born hairdresser, turned-taxi-driver, prays before playing, talks to his bowls, and drives — on the rink that is — with a ferocity that must be seen to be believed. But green hair was something new.

Ian Taylor, Parrella's lead, does not play indoors as a rule but made a powerful contribution on the portable rink as he and Parrella brushed aside the Welsh pairing of Damian Kelly and Brian Relland, of Torfaen, by 7-4, 7-1, 7-2.

Richard Corsie, holder of two world titles, made a good start to the week in which he will defend his indoor singles championship. He and fellow Scot, Alex Marshall, hoping to add the indoor pairs title to the outdoor version they won in 1992, were given a stiff test by Russell Morgan and Wynne Richards, of England, but came through 7-2, 7-4, 6-7, 7-5.

Top purse for Eubank

BOXING: Chris Eubank will receive the biggest purse of his career for defending his World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight title against the Irishman, Ray Close. The champion will earn £860,000 for the bout in Belfast, which could be staged at Windsor Park in May or June. Close will receive £287,000. Eubank drew with Close in May and most observers believed that had the Irishman not taken a count in the eleventh round, Eubank would have lost his title. Eubank, who has earned £1.5 million from his past two bouts, upstages Nigel Benn with this latest purse. Benn is receiving £400,000 for his bout at Earls Court on Saturday against Henry Wharton, of York, who as an amateur stopped Close in one round.

Hill is just in time

SQUASH: Rodney Martin, the second-seeded former world champion from Australia, made an uneventful start to the first round of the men's competition in the Leekes Classic, in Cardiff, yesterday by defeating Faheem Khan, of Hong Kong, 15-11, 15-12, 15-7. However, Anthony Hill, the world No 20 from Melbourne, might have been disqualified by more rigid application of the tournament's playing format. Given ten minutes grace from the usually strict follow-on procedure, Hill arrived with three minutes to spare before defeating Philip Whitlock, the England captain, 15-10, 12-15, 15-13, 15-12.

Jones decides to retire

CRICKET: Andrew Jones has resisted pressure from the New Zealand selectors to make himself available to tour England this summer. He will retire from international cricket after the visit of India next month for one Test and four one-day internationals. Jones, 34, who has scored 2,791 runs in 36 Tests at an average of 45.75, says he wants to spend more time with his family and pursue other interests. For the tour, India have kept faith with the players who achieved three consecutive innings victories over Sri Lanka.

INDIA TOUR PARTY: M Azharuddin (captain), S R Tendulkar, N S Sidhu, M Prabhakar, A Jadeja, V G Kambli, S V Manjrekar, P K Amre, Kapil Dev, N Mongia, A R Kumble, R Chauhan, V Raju, J Srinath, S Ankola.

Hard task for England

TABLE TENNIS: England's men's team, seeded to win the silver medal for the second successive time in the European championships at Birmingham next month, found themselves in a difficult group in yesterday's draw, which included France and Austria. The draw should provide interesting matches for Chen Xinhua, the England No 1, who could meet former Chinese compatriots, Ding Yi and Quian Qianli, who play for Austria, and Jean Philippe Gatien, the world champion, from France. England's women, seeded fourth, are in the same group as Holland.

University challenge

RACKETS: Richard Montgomerie, the Northamptonshire cricketer, will collect the first of two half-blues this week when he plays at No 1 for Oxford in today's University match at Queen's Club, London. Montgomerie, a former winner of the Foster Cup, the élite public schools championship, should meet the top Cambridge player, Thorold Barker, in what looks likely to be a tense struggle. Montgomerie also will captain the Oxford side in the University real tennis match starting on Friday. Rowley Turnill, a Wykehamist, is the Oxford rackets captain.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

GLASGOW: Thomas Cup, European zone: Group A: Ireland 5, Slovenia 0 (Ireland names first): M Watt bt M Kosnik 15-7, 15-4; B Topping bt A Pohar 15-8, 15-12; M Peard bt S Zmeck 15-9, 15-10; M O'Meara and Peard bt Pohar and J Pelhan 15-3, 15-4; B Topping and M Topping bt M Mattias and A Babnik 15-1, 15-10. Group B: USA 5 Israel 0. Norway 5 South Africa 0. Norway 5 Israel 0; United States 4 South Africa 1. Group E: Poland 5 Guatemala 0. Portugal 5 Guatemala 0; Poland 5 Slovakia 0. Group F: Switzerland 5 Italy 0; Peru 3 Czech Republic 2, Czech Republic 5 Italy 0. Uber Cup, European zone: Group A: Belgium 3 Israel 2; Iceland 4 Spain 1. Group B: Switzerland 5 Cyprus 0. Peru 3 Portugal 2. Group C: France 4 South Africa 1. Group D: Hungary 5 Italy 0; Finland 3 USA 2.

SINGAPORE: Thomas Cup, Asian zone: Group A: Sri Lanka bt Iran 5-0. Singapore bt Iran 5-0. Group B: India bt Mexico 5-0. Group C: Macau bt Nepal 3-2; Australia bt Macau 5-0. Australia bt Nepal 5-0. Mauritius bt Macau 4-1. Uber Cup, Asian zone: Group A: Singapore bt Sri Lanka 4-1. Group B: Mexico bt Nepal 3-2; India bt Nepal 5-0.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York 86 Chicago 68, Indiana 101 Seattle 95, Orlando 109 Milwaukee 104; New Jersey 122 Washington 101; Cleveland 105 Charlotte 101 (OT); Denver 97 Atlanta 92; LA Lakers 107 Philadelphia 95, Portland 102 Boston 93.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic division

	W	L	PCT	GB
New York	36	15	.706	—
Orlando	30	20	.600	5½
New Jersey	25	24	.520	9½
Miami	25	25	.500	10½
Boston	20	31	.392	16
Philadelphia	20	31	.392	16
Washington	16	35	.314	20

Central division

	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	35	16	.686	—
Chicago	34	16	.680	½
Cleveland	27	24	.529	8
Indiana	25	24	.510	9
Charlotte	23	27	.460	11½
Milwaukee	15	37	.288	20½
Detroit	13	38	.255	22

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Midwest division

	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	36	13	.735	½
San Antonio	38	14	.731	—
Utah	33	19	.635	5
Denver	25	26	.490	12½
Minnesota	15	34	.306	21½
Dallas	6	45	.118	31½

Pacific division

	W	L	PCT	GB
Seattle	36	13	.735	—
Phoenix	33	16	.673	3
Golden State	30	20	.600	6½
Portland	30	21	.588	7
LA Lakers	19	31	.380	17½
LA Clippers	17	32	.347	19
Sacramento	17	33	.340	19½

MEN'S NATIONAL CUP: Semi-finals: Guildford 77 Worthing 93 (Worthing win 164-145 on aggregate), Thames Valley 98 Manchester 80 (Thames Valley win 191-152 on aggregate).
EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Men: semi-final: Real Madrid 104 Guildford 75.
BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby Bucks 93 Birmingham 85, Hemel Hempstead Royals 102 Oldham Celtics 98; Leicester Riders 71 Guildford Kings 67; Sunderland 104 Chester Jets 101, Thames Valley Tigers 90 Worthing Bears 73.

BOWLS

PRESTON: World indoor championships: Pairs, first round: I Taylor and R Parrella (Aus) bt D Kelly and B Relland (Wales), 7-4, 7-1, 7-2, R Corsie and A Marshall (Scot) bt R Morgan and W Richards (Eng) 7-2, 7-4, 6-7, 7-5. S Rees and J Price (Wales) bt S Forrest (Can) and M McMahon (Hong Kong) 7-0, 7-2, 3-7, 7-4.
SUN LIFE WESSEX LEAGUE: Central Region: Bristol bt Bath 120-51 (16-0); C Miller bt C Dunbar 80-73 (12-4). Clevedon bt Frome 100-73 (14-2); Whitchurch bt Nailsea 94-72 (14-2). West Region: Woodspring bt Bridgwater 105-53 (16-0). Street bt Mendip 93-69 (14-2). British Cellophane bt Minehead 90-59 (16-0). Weston St Andrew's bt Taunton 109-58 (14-2). South Region: Ilminster bt Wellworthy 86-69 (12-4).

CYCLING

TIME TRIALS: Ellesmere Port CC (two-up, 17 miles): 1, S Lillistone K and S Dangerfield (North Wirral Velo) 35.59, 2, M Poshe (Delta RT) and A Owen (Abergavenny) 36.10, 3, A Arch and S Calland (Stretford Wheelers) 37-15. Rockingham Forest Wheelers (Middleton, Northants, 24 miles). 1, A Allen (Team Haverhill) 58.52; 2, D Sweeney (Invicta RC) 58.17, 3, S Bray (Invicta RC) 1.02:05. Two-up: A Hamson and J Hamson (Invicta RC) 1:00:02. Banbury Star CC (23.5 miles): 1, G Thomas (Leek CC) 54:00; 2, W Moore (Leo RC) 54.36, 3, S Howes (Invicta RC) 54.28. Team: Invicta RC 2.48:02. Central Sussex CC (Cowfold) 25 miles. 1, S Elms (E Grinstead CC) 1:00:06; 2, P Panagi (Clarence Wheelers) 1:00:57; 3, M Jones (GS Stella) 1.01.10. Team: GS Stella 3.07.11. Apollo RT (Kent) 20 miles. 1, T Bayley (VC Deal) 53.25; 2, M Meades (CC Romford) 54.55; 3, S Giles (Leo RC) 55.19. Team: VC Deal 2:45:53.
ROAD RACES: Scunthorpe Track Assn Handicap, 39 miles: 1, J Read (VC York) 1:35:28; 2, B Harwood (Peterborough CC), 3, R Krygsman (VC York) both same time. Springtime Pursuit (Devon), 30 miles: 1, R Lyne (Heron RC) 1 17 20, 2, A Parker (Mid Devon CC) at 7sec. 3, M Steer (Wellington Wheelers) at 9sec.
CYCLO CROSS: Viking Wheelers (Harwell, W London) 10.5 miles: 1, J-P Dubsaul (Fr) 48.32; 2, S Gardner (Motosport) at 3:10; 3, A McDonald (Paddington CC) at 4:20. Oxonian CC (Oxford) 11 miles: 1, M Lloyd (Didcot Phoenix) 1.03:15; 2, L Lloyd (Didcot Phoenix) at 25 sec; 3, D Lloyd (Didcot Phoenix) at 1 38. Hinckley CC (Nuneaton) 9 miles: 1, D Barnett (Ace RT) 55:00, 2, S Knight (Halesowen A and CC) at 1sec; 3, M Booth (Long Eaton Paragon ATB) at 2:00.

GOLF

INDIAN WELLS, California: Bob Hope Classic: Leading final scores (US unless stated) 334: S Hoch 66, 62, 70, 66, 70. 337: L Clements 67, 69, 61, 72, 68; F Zoeller 70, 67, 66, 68, 66; J Gallagher 66, 67, 74, 62, 68. 338: P Stewart 67, 69, 71, 68, 63. 339: P Stankowski 67, 66, 69, 68, 69. G Boros 66, 67, 68, 69, 69; K Clearwater 67, 64, 70, 68, 70. 340: B Estes 66, 69, 70, 67, 68; J Huston 66, 68, 66, 68, 72. 341: A Magee 67, 67, 71, 70, 66; G Day 67, 67, 68, 69, 70; B Lietzke 68, 69, 65, 67, 72.

HOCKEY

PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE
First division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Havant	15	12	2	1	33	13	38
Hounslow	15	11	2	2	43	11	35
O Loughtonians	15	9	5	1	43	17	32
Southgate	15	9	3	3	37	13	30
Teddington	15	8	3	4	30	20	27
Stourport	15	7	3	5	23	14	24
East Grinstead	14	7	3	4	28	21	24
Reading	15	7	2	6	25	23	23
Cannock	14	5	7	2	23	17	22
Trojans	15	5	2	8	23	29	17
Welton	15	5	2	8	16	31	17
Bournville	14	5	1	8	20	24	16
Firebrands	15	3	7	5	12	23	16
Indian Gym	15	3	5	7	15	27	14
St Albans	15	4	1	10	15	38	13
Slough	14	3	2	9	14	30	11
Canterbury	15	1	5	9	16	37	8
Bromley	15	1	1	13	7	35	4

Second division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Guildford	15	12	2	1	53	22	38
Surbiton	15	11	4	0	42	13	37
Oxford University	15	9	2	4	39	22	29
Barford Tigers	15	8	4	3	35	20	28
Edgbaston	15	8	2	5	29	29	26
Brooklands	15	6	5	4	27	23	23
Richmond	15	6	4	5	22	23	22
Gloucester C	15	6	2	7	25	22	20
Isca	15	6	2	7	24	28	20
Harleston Mag	15	5	4	6	24	29	19
Beeston	15	4	5	6	24	26	17
Sheffield	15	4	5	6	21	25	17
Harborne	15	4	4	7	19	32	16
Neston	15	4	3	8	19	27	15
Cambridge	15	3	4	8	20	33	13
Cheltenham	15	3	3	9	14	26	12
Warrington	15	3	3	9	17	32	12
Doncaster	15	2	4	9	15	32	10

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Washington 3 Buffalo 3 (OT), Chicago 1 New Jersey 1 (OT), Winnipeg 2 Calgary 5; Florida 3 (OT) Detroit 4, Tampa Bay 2 Boston 2 (OT); St Louis 4 Anaheim 1.

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Northeast division

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Boston	30	19	11	193	166	71
Montreal	31	21	8	188	169	70
Pittsburgh	29	19	11	213	211	69
Buffalo	29	24	7	201	161	65
Quebec	23	30	5	188	202	51
Hartford	21	33	6	175	207	48
Ottawa	9	44	8	149	275	26

Atlantic division

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
NY Rangers	37	16	4	206	149	78
New Jersey	31	19	8	209	163	70
Washington	28	25	6	191	177	62
Florida	25	23	10	166	163	60
Philadelphia	27	29	4	210	226	58
NY Islanders	23	28	6	191	193	52
Tampa Bay	22	31	8	161	182	52

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central division

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Detroit	35	19	5	265	204	75
Toronto	32	17	11	200	166	75
Dallas	32	21	7	214	192	71
St Louis	31	21	8	195	194	70
Chicago	27	26	7	178	169	61
Winnipeg	17	37	7	176	250	41

Pacific division

	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Calgary	31	21	9	225	187	71
Vancouver	29	28	2	198	194	60
San Jose	22	26	11	167	192	55
Anaheim	23	34	4	170	188	50
Los Angeles	21	31	6	213	229	48
Edmonton	15	38	9	184	229	39

RIFLE SHOOTING

ALDERSLEY: British Air Pistol Championships, Men: 1, M Gault (RAF) 685.3 (British record); 2, N Freeland (St Nicholas) 672.1; 3, S Haynes (Cheshunt) 670.1. Women: 1, C Page (Pinhoe) 475.9; 2, L Elsworth (Morpeth) 467.9; 3, C Lind (Cambridge) 466.9. Junior men: 1, S Preston (Jubilee York) 649.7; 2, S Martin (Parkstone) 645.2. 3, C Tams (Leicester) 644.5. Junior women: 1, H Preston (Jubilee York) 428.9; 2, C Collins (Whitehead) 426.9; 3, C Russell (East Bristol) 322.3. British Sports Association for the Disabled Championship: 1, T Budgen 613.2; 2, R Osborn 604.9; 3, S Dugud 582.6

RACKETS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Combined Services Rackets championship singles, final: Lt-Col D Reed-Felstead bt Capt S Seagrave 11-15, 15-11, 15-7, 15-2. Regimental doubles: RHG/D (Col J Smith-Bingham and Lt-Col D Reed-Felstead) bt AAC (Capts J Illingworth and A Gordon) 15-5, 15-6, 15-4, 15-2. Combined Services doubles championship: D Parton and M Nicholls bt B Aitken and R Crosby 15-10, 15-5, 15-9.

REAL TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Combined Services Championships. Singles, final: Lt-Col D Reed-Felstead bt Lt-Col B Aitken 6-5, 6-4. Regimental Doubles final: RHG/D (Lt-Col D Reed-Felstead and Capt J Wheeler) bt AAC (Capts A Gordon and J Illingworth) 6-1, 6-2. Combined Services doubles final: J Disley and M McMurrugh bt A Mason and J English 6-1, 6-4.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bradford	20	17	0	3	563	367	34
Warrington	21	16	0	5	434	280	32
Wigan	18	15	0	3	515	271	30
Castleford	20	13	1	6	525	290	27
Halifax	21	12	2	7	450	347	26
St Helens	21	12	1	8	445	357	25
Leeds	21	10	1	10	416	384	21
Featherstone	20	10	1	9	413	418	21
Sheffield	21	10	1	10	453	492	21
Hull	20	8	2	10	304	327	18
Widnes	20	9	0	11	344	407	18
Salford	21	8	0	13	372	455	16
Wakefield	21	7	0	14	287	442	14
Hull KR	21	6	0	15	318	580	12
Oldham	21	5	0	16	363	450	10
Leigh	21	1	1	19	250	595	3

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Workington	20	15	1	4	467	216	31
Huddersfield	20	15	0	5	473	347	30
Dewsbury	19	13	1	5	568	261	27
Keighley	19	13	0	6	526	250	26
Doncaster	19	13	0	6	424	376	26
London Crusaders	20	12	1	7	478	385	25
Batley	20	12	1	7	382	357	25
Ryedale York	19	11	1	7	416	311	23
Whitehaven	20	8	4	8	389	301	20
Rochdale	19	10	0	9	418	360	20
Barrow	20	9	1	10	383	493	19
Swinton	20	8	0	12	359	435	16
Carlisle	20	7	0	13	360	547	14
Hunslet	20	2	1	17	278	542	5
Bramley	19	2	0	17	265	461	4
Highfield	20	1	1	18	202	726	3

SQUASH

CARDIFF: Welsh Classic men's tournament: First round: D Meddings (Eng) bt D Harris (Eng) 10-15, 17-14, 15-13, 15-9; T Hands (Eng) bt P Steel (NZ) 15-12, 15-11, 15-11; A Adarraga (Sp) bt Z Jahan (Pak) 15-14, 6-15, 8-15, 15-8, 15-12; P Marshall (Eng) bt C Van der Wath (SA) 15-11, 15-11, 15-12; H Wiens (Ger) bt M Maclean (Scot) 15-10, 15-11, 15-12; A Hill (Aus) bt P Whitlock (Eng) 15-10, 12-15, 15-13, 15-12; C Walker (Eng) bt M Carlyon (Aus) 17-15, 10-15, 15-5, 15-14; R Martin (Aus) bt F Khan (HK) 15-11, 15-12, 15-7.
SWANSEA: Welsh women's classic: First round: C Owens (Aus) bt R Poole (Eng) 15-7, 15-9, 15-9; R Macree (Eng) bt E Pierce (US) 15-6, 15-7, 15-6; S Horner (Eng) bt D Sommers (Holl) 15-4, 15-11, 15-6, S Wright (Eng) bt S Spacey (Eng) 15-5, 15-4, 15-13, S Macfie (Scot) bt H Van Hoorn (Holl) 15-12, 15-10, 12-15, 17-14; D Martin (Aus) bt J Wilson (NZ) 15-2, 15-5, 15-14; H Wallace (Can) bt S Shabana (Egypt) 15-9, 15-7, 15-4; J Martin (Eng) bt C Clifton-Parks (SA) 15-10, 15-11, 15-10; S Fitzgerald (Aus) bt S Cook (NZ) 15-1, 15-7, 15-9; L Irving (Aus) bt M Houtsma (Holl) 1-15, 15-7, 15-10, 15-12; M Martin (Aus) bt L Charman (Eng) 15-10, 15-12, 15-11; C Jackman (Eng) bt R O'Callaghan (Ire) 15-12, 15-12, 15-12; F Geaves (Eng) bt P Beams (NZ) 15-6, 15-6, 6-15, 15-8; L Opie (Eng) bt S Schone (Ger) 12-15, 15-4, 15-10, 15-11; M Le Moignan (Eng) bt D Leeves (Eng) 15-3, 15-5, 11-15, 15-4, C Nitch (SA) bt T Malik (Wales) 15-11, 15-12, 15-6.

TENNIS

PHILADELPHIA: Men's tournament: Final: M Chang (US) bt P Haarhuis (Holl) 6-3, 6-2.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday, February 26 unless stated

COCA-COLA CUP SEMI-FINAL SECOND LEG
Not on coupons: Aston Villa v Tranmere (Sunday)

FA PREMIERSHIP
2 Sheff Utd v QPR
Not on coupons: Arsenal v Blackburn; Chelsea v Tottenham (Sunday). Liverpool v Coventry; Manchester City v Swindon; Newcastle v Ipswich; Norwich v Sheffield Wednesday; Oldham v Leeds (Monday); Southampton v Wimbledon, West Ham v Manchester United

FIRST DIVISION
X Barnsley v Millwall
1 Charlton v Watford
1 C Palace v Bolton
1 Derby v Birmingham
1 Leicester v Middlesbro
X Luton v Sunderland
1 Southend v Bristol C
1 Wolves v West Brom
Not on coupons: Grimsby v Peterborough; Oxford v Nottingham Forest; Stoke v Portsmouth

SECOND DIVISION
1 Barnet v Blackpool
X Bradford v Fulham
1 Brentford v Rotherham
1 Bristol R v Hull
1 Burnley v Bourn'm'th
2 Cambridge v Reading
X Cardiff v Port Vale
1 Hartlepool v Exeter
2 Hudd'field v Brighton
1 Plymouth v Swansea
2 Wrexham v Stockport
2 York v Leyton O

THIRD DIVISION
X Bury v Shrewsbury
X Carlisle v Scarborough
1 Chester v Rochdale
X Colchester v Torquay
2 Darlington v Chest'field
2 Gillingham v Wycombe
2 Hereford v Scunthorpe
X Mansfield v Crewe
1 Preston v Lincoln
1 Walsall v North'pton
X Wigan v Doncaster

DIADORA LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION
X Grays v Yeading
2 Hayes v Enfield
1 Hitchin v Harrow
1 Kingstonian v Wok'gh'm
1 Marlow v Hendon
2 Molesey v Stevenage
1 Sutton v Basingstoke

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Celtic v Kilmarnock
1 Dundee v Hearts
1 Hibernian v Dundee Utd
2 Motherwell v Aberdeen
X Partick v St Johnstone
2 Raith v Rangers

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Ayr v Morton
X Dumbarton v Airdrie
1 Falkirk v Clyde
X Hamilton v Dunf'mline
1 St Mirren v Brechin
1 Stirling v Clydebank

SCOTTISH SECOND
2 Alloa v Q of South
1 Arbroath v Montrose
2 Cowdenb'th v Stenh'muir
1 East Fife v Forfar
2 E Stirling v Meadowb'k
1 Queen's Pk v Berwick
1 Stranraer v Albion

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Barnsley, Luton, Bradford, Cardiff, Bury, Carlisle, Colchester, Mansfield, Wigan, Grays, Dumbarton, Hamilton.

BEST DRAWS: Barnsley, Cardiff, Carlisle, Wigan, Hamilton

AWAYS: Reading, Brighton, Scunthorpe, Enfield, Stevenage

HOMES: Charlton, Derby, Leicester, Southend, Hartlepool, Walsall, Hitchin, Marlow, Sutton, Falkirk, St Mirren, East Fife.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Leicester, Southend, Walsall, Sutton, St Mirren. Aways: Reading, Scunthorpe, Enfield. Draws: Cardiff, Carlisle, Wigan.

Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.45 kick-off unless stated

FA Carling Premiership
Aston Villa v Manchester City
Ipswich v Sheffield Utd
Norwich v Blackburn

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Barnsley v Watford
Charlton v Sunderland
Crystal Palace v Bristol City
Derby v Middlesbrough
Grimsby v Nottm Forest
Luton v Portsmouth
Notts County v Peterborough
Oxford Utd v West Brom
Stoke v Bolton
Wolverhampton v Birmingham (7.30) (all ticket)

Second division
Barnet v Reading (all ticket)
Bradford v Stockport (7.30)
Brentford v Hull
Burnley v Rotherham (7.30)
Cambridge Utd v Port Vale
Hartlepool v Leyton Orient (7.30)
Huddersfield v Swansea (7.30)
Plymouth v Blackpool
Wrexham v Fulham (7.30)
York v Bournemouth (7.30)

Third division
Wycombe v Rochdale

GM Vauxhall Conference
Halifax v Altrincham (7.30)
Stalybridge v Telford (7.30)
Yeovil v Woking (7.30)

Scottish League
First division
Clyde v Morton (7.30)

Second division
Berwick v Stranraer (7.30)

DRINKWISE CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Macclesfield v Northwich (7.30).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Bridlington Town v Bishop Auckland, Droylsden v Fleetwood (7.30). First division Cup replay: Goole v Worksop. President's Cup: Leek v Hyde.
ALLBRIGHT BITTER WELSH CUP: Fifth round replay: Cardiff v Ebbw Vale (7.30)
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division (7.0). Coventry v Leeds; Everton v Liverpool.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Arsenal, Ipswich v Crystal Palace (7.30); Queens Park Rangers v Portsmouth (at Harrow Borough, 7.0).
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Burton v Waterlooville (7.30); Crawley v Gresley (7.30); Farnborough v Dorchester. Midland division: Grantham v VS Rugby; Hinckley v Leicester United; Redditch v Clevedon. Southern division: Gravesend and Northfleet v Fareham; Sudbury v Poole.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Egham v Chertsey; Hampton v Witham; Hemel Hempstead v Tilbury; Hungerford v Newbury; Leatherhead v Thame; Malden Vale v Banstead, Metropolitan Police v Edgware. Third division: Cheshunt v Southall; Epsom and Ewell v Oxford City; Hornchurch v Harlow; Leighton v Cove; Northwood v Feltham and Hounslow. Carlsberg Cup: Third round: Dulwich v Kingstonian, Hendon v Uxbridge; St Albans v Heybridge; Wokingham v Dorking; Yeading v Bishop's Stortford.
CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First Division: Atherton LR v Kidsgrove; Blackpool Rovers v Burscough; Bradford PA v Glossop NE, Eastwood Hanley v Flixton; Newcastle Town v Skelmersdale; Prescot v Penrith; Salford v Clitheroe.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES (all 7.15): Newbridge v Tredegar; Newport v Ebbw Vale; Pembroke v Narberth; Treorchy v Fairwater.

OTHER SPORTS

BOWLS: World indoor championships (Preston Guildhall).
SQUASH: Leekes Classic (Cardiff).

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Cogent to make Kempton return

By Rodney Masters

COGENT, winner of the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup in November, has his first outing since then in the Racing Post Chase at Kempton Park on Saturday.

While Cogent has been moved from former trainer Andrew Turnell to Jeremy Glover's Worksop yard since his Newbury win, connections have remained loyal to 20-year-old conditional jockey Daniel Fortt.

Glover, who originally bought Cogent for 15,000 guineas as an unbroken four-year-old, and won with him first time out before losing the horse to Turnell, said: "It's great to have him back in my stable. I read the other day he was unlikely to run at Kempton, but that's not true. His lungs scoped clean, and if his other tests please me, I would say he's 85 per cent likely to be there. The owners are anxious that Daniel keeps the ride, and I'm more than happy to go along with that."

Cogent is quoted at 10-1 by Corals, along with Kempton specialists The Fellow, French-trained dual winner of the King George VI Chase, and Docklands Express, winner of this race in 1991 and 1992. Kim Bailey believes that his chaser, who finished runner-up to Zeta's Lad in last year's renewal, has sound claims of gaining his third success. "It would be fabulous to win it for a third time. Perhaps they'll give us the trophy to keep," Bailey said.

"Docklands Express is in good form, and if the ground comes up right, I'm sure he will run as well as last year. He's well weighted with some of the horses he beat in the race then, but still has plenty on his back for a small horse." He is likely to bypass the Cheltenham Gold Cup this year, in order to keep him fresh to attempt a repeat win in the Martell Cup Chase at Aintree.

The market for Saturday's race is headed by the Mary Reveley-trained Carbisdale, at 6-1 with William Hill, followed by 7-1 Ryde Again, 8-1 Hawthorn Blaze and Rough Quest.

Bailey has hopes of a big-race double on Saturday, as he will also saddle Master Oats in the £40,000-added Greenalls Gold Cup at Haydock. Corals make him 4-1 joint-favourite with Moorcroft Boy.

The latter, second favourite for the Grand National behind Double Silk, has been re-routed from his intended prep race, Newcastle's abandoned Eider Chase. The Jenny Pitman-trained Garrison Savannah, who returned to winning form at Wincanton 12 days ago, is quoted at 7-1, but is not certain to take his chance.

One man with a vested interest in the weekend's racing is Reg Wilkins, the owner-trainer of Double Silk, who will be assessing the strength of the opposition for his gelding, who will first attempt to repeat last season's success in the Christies Foxhunter Chase at Cheltenham.

Wilkins, 67, is surprised by the media attention that he is receiving: "The telephone never stops ringing. I might have to invest in one of those answering machines," he said yesterday. Wilkins has received several offers for his ten-year-old, but has no intention of selling. "Having got this far, it would be silly to quit now," he said.

One horse who will not be appearing at this year's festival is Celtic Shot, who provided former trainer Fred Winter with his last major success in the 1988 Champion Hurdle. His retirement was announced yesterday.

Winner of almost £250,000 in prize-money, Celtic Shot also helped establish Charlie Brooks when he started his training career. Brooks said yesterday: "Lambourn will not be quite the same without him about the place. He has been here a long, long time and did me more favours over the years than I ever did him. He helped keep me going."

Now 12, Celtic Shot will see out retirement at the Shipston-on-Stour home of his owner-breeder David Horton. Winner of 17 of his 39 races, the first of them a Leicester novice hurdle in December 1986, the gelding had been troubled by repeated injuries in recent seasons.

He gained his final victory at Wetherby in 1991, and had been out of action since November of that year until reappearing at Haydock last month. He was pulled up in a four-runner race at Sandown Park on Friday, prompting his retirement.

Brooks reports that his back-to-form Black Humour is in good shape after his Windsor win on Saturday, and Lady Lloyd Webber's horse is a definite runner in the Cheltenham Gold Cup, for which he is a 33-1 chance with Ladbrokes.



Celtic Shot, right, who was retired yesterday, winning the 1988 Champion Hurdle at Cheltenham

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: GAYLOIRE
(4.30 Huntingdon)
Next best: Southolt
(3.30 Huntingdon)

Alner has edge on Roving Report

By Brian Beel

AN intriguing Times Rising Stars qualifier is in prospect today at Huntingdon with three of the five runners evenly matched. Although it is usually foolhardy to oppose any Saunders-Greenall combination, Roving Report may have their beating on this occasion.

After winning a maiden and a restricted point-to-point last season, Roving Report mystified his stable by putting in three lacklustre performances before coming right again and winning a novice hunter chase at Folkestone. At Badbury Rings three weeks ago he again won comfortably under today's rider, Robert Alner. Giving Wellington Brown 6lb on his reappearance, he was held up until approaching the last, where he took the lead and cruised home by six lengths. This form was stamped last Saturday by the success of Wellington Brown at Larkhill.

There are few amateurs who can match Alner in the saddle and his 3lb claim could tip the balance in his favour over Sunny Mount.

After winning at Barbury Castle, Sunny Mount qualified for The Times Rising Stars final by winning at Wincanton 12 days ago. He was far from foot-perfect, however, and the Huntingdon fences are unforgiving.

But the race does not just concern these two. Johnny's Choice, in receipt of 7lb, is highly thought of by his trainer, Bill Warner, and rider Alan Hill. He has not, however, raced this season, and it is for this reason and his lack of experience over National Hunt fences that he is passed over today.

First Design and Trundle need to improve in order to trouble the principals.

HUNTINGDON LINE-UP

2.30 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTERS CHASE
(Qualifier: amateurs: £1,819: 3m) (5 runners)

1 3531-1 ROVING REPORT 24P (F,G) (B Netley) H Wellstead 7-12-5 ..... R Alner (3) 74
2 111-11 SUNNY MOUNT 12 (F,G,S) (J Greenall) Miss C Saunders 8-12-5 ..... J Greenall
3 0P4-P2 FIRST DESIGN 31P (G) (P Jones) P Jones 7-11-12 ..... Miss T Spearing (7) –
4 F2121- JOHNNY'S CHOICE 290P (G,S) (L Wilson) W Warner 8-11-12 ..... A Hill (3) –
5 F15-4 TRUNDLE 38P (B) (Mrs H Weeden) J Dulosee 8-11-12 ..... M Felton (7) –

Form figures include point-to-points

BETTING: 5-4 Sunny Mount, 7-4 Roving Report, 3-1 Johnny's Choice, 16-1 First Design, Trundle.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ROVING REPORT beat Wellington Brown 7l in 10-runner point-to-point at Badbury Rings (3m, good). SUNNY MOUNT beat Mr Golightly 2½l in 7-runner hunter chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good to soft). Previously beat Southern Buck 8l in 9-runner point-to-point at Barbury Castle (3m, good to soft). JOHNNY'S CHOICE beat Gillanbone 3l in 7-runner point-to-point at Clifton-on-Dunsmore (3m, good). FIRST DESIGN 15l 2nd of 6 to Causeway Cruiser in point-to-point at Heythrop (3m, good). TRUNDLE dead-heated for 4th, beaten 27l, to Brief Encounter in point-to-point at Larkhill (3m, good).

LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

2.20 Kindergarten Boy. 2.50 Head Turner. 3.20 Storm Free. 3.50 Alllegsnobrain. 4.20 LOCHORE (nap). 4.50 Kissavos.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.20 DORDOGNE MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,489: 7f) (9 runners)

101 (5) 0-5 BLACK DEED 29 P Cundell 9-0 ..... S Whitworth 89
102 (9) 6-66 CURTIS THE FIRST 7 (V) M Dixon 9-0 ..... A Clark 74
103 (6) 0- KINDERGARTEN BOY 179 R Boss 9-0 ..... L Dettori –
104 (7) 0 MAYS FANCY 11 A Jarvis 9-0 ..... N Adams –
105 (4) 000- PAPAGAYOS 184 C Britain 9-0 ..... B Doyle (3)
106 (1) 3 SUPERMICK 8 W Muir 9-0 ..... T Quinn 81
107 (3) 0- THE TESTER 160 W G M Turner 9-0 ..... T Sprake –
108 (2) 2-6 WILD ACE 36 (BF) N Graham 9-0 ..... J Weaver 98
109 (8) 30-4 POSSIBILITY 7 (E) Mrs L Piggott 8-9 ..... J Williams 89

9-4 Papagayos, 4-1 Wild Ace, 9-2 Possibility, 6-1 Black Deed, 7-1 Supermick, 8-1 Kindergarten Boy, 10-1 Curtis The First, 25-1 Mays Fancy, 50-1 The Tester.

2.50 GIRONDE HANDICAP (£2,713: 1m 4f) (13)

201 (12) 1401 POP TO STANS 8 (C,F,G) J Pearce 5-10-0 ..... Elizabeth Turner (7) 96
202 (8) 1202 KENYATTA 10 (C,BF,G) A Moore 5-9-3 ..... L Dettori 96
203 (6) 5-23 HEAD TURNER 8 (G,S) C Wildman 6-8-13 ..... Paul Eddery 96
204 (1) 20-0 MODESTO 14 (CD,G,S) K Cunningham-Brown 6-8-12 ..... S Whitworth 90
205 (13) 60-6 DUGGAN 3 (D,F,G) P Evans 7-8-10 ..... A Clark 89
206 (5) 456- LEXUS 94J (G) R Williams 6-8-9 ..... D Biggs 91
207 (10) 06-0 FRIENDLY SMILE 42 G Eden 4-8-6 ..... Stephen Davies (3) 91
208 (9) 00-0 KIAWAH 52 (F) C Elsey 4-8-3 ..... Antoinette Armes (7) –
209 (7) 300- HALLOW FAIR 116 (D,F,G) C Horgan 9-8-2 ..... A Proud 88
210 (2) -660 MR JAZZ DANCER 10 D Wintle 4-7-13 ..... A Mackay
211 (11) 00-0 TEDROMA 15 Dr J Scargill 4-7-13 ..... J Fanning –
212 (4) 0-00 ELEANORDEMONTFORT 24 T Naughton 4-7-10 ..... N Adams –
213 (3) 4-00 DANCES WITH GOLD 8 P Evans 4-7-7 ..... G Bardwell 97

2-1 Pop To Stans, 11-4 Head Turner, 4-1 Kenyatta, 6-1 Lexus, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: B Hills, 21 winners from 62 runners, 33.9%; W Jarvis, 5 from 21, 23.8%; R Boss, 7 from 30, 23.3%; M Johnston, 24 from 110, 21.8%; N Graham, 6 from 30, 20.0%; L Cottrell, 4 from 21, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 40 winners from 117 rides, 34.2%; A Procter, 3 from 10, 30.0%; J Weaver, 14 from 59, 23.7%; T Quinn, 59 from 318, 18.6%; Stephen Davies, 10 from 61, 16.4%; B Doyle, 18 from 138, 13.0%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Lingfield Park: 2.20 Curtis The First.

3.20 BERENSONS SOLICITORS CLAIMING STAKES (Qualifier: £2,899: 1m 2f) (6)

301 (4) 0-0P ROSEATE LODGE 7 (F,G) K Burke 8-9-4 ..... J Williams 98
302 (3) 0-51 STORM FREE 14 (CD,G) L Cottrell 8-8-13 ..... L Dettori
303 (5) 0-03 GOLD BLADE 14 (CD,F,G) N Graham 5-8-11 ..... J Weaver 85
304 (1) 00-0 MANAARAH 14 (D,F) P Mitchell 4-8-10 ..... S Davies (3) 72
305 (6) /0-0 WIDE SUPPORT 24 (B,D,G) A Moore 9-8-7 ..... Paul Eddery –
306 (2) 00-0 TASSAGH BRIDGE 10 J Payne 4-7-12 ..... E Johnson –

5-4 Storm Free, 7-4 Gold Blade, 4-1 Manaarah, 7-1 Roseate Lodge, 20-1 others.

3.50 LOIRE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,202: 6f) (7)

401 (6) 105- BROOKHEAD LADY 214 (D,F,S) P Evans 9-7 ..... S Sanders (5) 96
402 (2) 5-02 THREEPENNY-BRIDGE 28 (B,CD,F,G) W G M Turner 9-6 ..... D McCabe (5)
403 (1) 14-2 ALLLEGSNOBRAIN 8 (D,BF,F) P Evans 9-6 ..... A Clark 97
404 (4) 2113 THORNY BISHOP 10 (CD,G) J Bridger 9-6 ..... T Williams 94
405 (5) -351 RANDOM 17 (C,G) C James 9-1 ..... L Dettori 94
406 (3) 1414 RISKIE THINGS 17 (CD,F,G) J Moore 8-12 ..... N Adams 98
407 (7) 4223 MONSIEUR PETONG 3 M Channon 8-9 ..... A Tucker 97

5-2 Alllegsnobrain, 3-1 Threepenny-Bridge, 4-1 Random, 5-1 Thorny Bishop, 6-1 others

4.20 RHONE HANDICAP (£3,158: 1m 2f) (10)

501 (8) 1312 AWESOME POWER 14 (CD,BF,G) J Hills 8-10-0 ..... A Clark 96
502 (10) 036- BRAVEBOY 85 (S) C Britain 4-9-6 ..... B Doyle (3) 93
503 (5) 1453 LOCHORE 7 (G) R Ingram 4-9-3 ..... Dale Gibson 97
504 (6) 0-15 RAVE-ON-HADLEY 3 (CD,G) A Bailey 4-9-3 ..... L Dettori 92
505 (9) 0225 CAN CAN CHARLIE 28 (BF,G) M Johnston 4-8-10 ..... J Weaver 96
506 (1) /2-2 RINGLET 21 (BF) B Hills 4-8-6 ..... M Hills
507 (2) 3306 LUCKNAM STYLE 10 (F) Mrs B Waring 6-8-6 ..... G Bardwell 92
508 (3) 4-56 RISKY VENTURE 32 W Jarvis 4-8-5 ..... J Quinn 98
509 (4) 400- JUST JAMIE 148J (S) Miss B Sanders 4-8-4 ..... N Adams 93
510 (7) 0-43 MIGHTY WRATH 14 R O'Sullivan 4-8-2 ..... D Biggs 96

7-2 Ringlet, 4-1 Awesome Power, 9-2 Mighty Wrath, 5-1 Lochore, 6-1 others.

4.50 LOT HANDICAP (£3,002: 1m) (12)

601 (9) 3311 SIR NORMAN HOLT 7 (B,CD,F) R O'Sullivan 5-10-2 (6lb ex) D Biggs 90
602 (4) 31-0 YOUNG DUKE 38 (C,F,G) Mrs S Williams 6-10-0 ..... A Clark 95
603 (7) 00-0 SAMOT 17 C Broad 4-9-9 ..... J Weaver –
604 (11) 4043 LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 10 (B,C,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 8-9-4 ..... L Dettori 94
605 (1) 0331 SARUM 3 (CD,F,G) C Wildman 8-9-2 ..... C Rutter
606 (10) 00-0 DOURAJ 24 C Britain 5-8-9 ..... B Doyle (3) 84
607 (12) -006 KISSAVOS 11 (C,D,F,G) C Elsey 8-8-9 ..... T Quinn 98
608 (5) 8/6 DOODIES POOL 17 G Moore 4-8-7 ..... Paul Eddery 80
609 (3) 60/ TRIPLE TROUBLE 599 H Collingridge 5-8-5 ..... Dale Gibson –
610 (2) -000 SKULLCAP 11 (F) T Naughton 4-8-5 ..... J Fanning 83
611 (6) 0-43 HONEY VISION 24 (B) G Eden 5-8-3 ..... Stephen Davies (3) 89
612 (8) 2240 MEDLAND 11 (F) D Wilson 4-8-1 ..... J Quinn 92

9-2 Douraj, 6-1 Honey Vision, Kissavos, Sir Norman Holt, 7-1 others.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Wolverhampton

Going: standard

1.20 (1m 4f) 1, SUPER HEIGHTS (Miss S Higgins, 3-1 fav); 2, Rocky Bay (Miss E J Jones, 7-1); 3, Persian Bud (Mrs S Bosley, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Warren Street (4th), 11-2 Julaar (6th), Sporting Spirit, 14 Civil Action, 16 Cap Diamant, 20 Nordross (5th), 25 Christian Spirit. 10 ran. ¾l, 6l, 6l, 15l, 25l. D Williams at Newbury. Tote: £3.40; £1.80, £4.60, £2.30. DF: £17.70. CSF: £23.98.

1.50 (2m 46yd) 1, ACROW LINE (R Price, 7-2); 2, Woodmans Star (J Quinn, 20-1); 3, Arc Bright (L Dettori, 4-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Royal Print (4th), 4 Carrolls Marc, 12 Laabas (6th), 16 Mr Poppleton, Top Prize (5th). 8 ran. 2½l, 4l, 2½l, 10l, 25l. D Burchell at Ebbw Vale. Tote: £8.80; £2.80, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £31.50. CSF: £54.31. Tricast: £262.33.

2.20 (6f) 1, SIMMIE'S SPECIAL (L Dettori, 6-4 fav); 2, Everset (L Newton, 10-1); 3, Pretonic (J Weaver, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 5 Soba Guest (6th), 7 Prime Mover (4th), 10 Farmer Jock (5th), 12 Stades Hill, 20 Air Command, 50 Dal Miss, Seemenomore. 10 ran. Hd, 2½l, 1l, 2½l, 2½l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. Tote: £2.90; £1.80, £2.60, £1.10. DF: £13.00. CSF: £18.44.

2.50 (7f) 1, NOEL (J Quinn, 9-2); 2, Stamshaw (J Bramhill, 25-1); 3, Domovoy (Alex Greaves, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav M'Bebe, 3 Venture Fourth (4th), 6 Golden Sphinx, 9 Doddington Player (5th), 12 Young Max, 16 Only A Song, 20 Dontdressfordinner, Flim Flam Aly (6th), 33 Lady Romance. 12 ran. 6l, 1½l, ¾l, 2l, 5l. J O'Shea at Henley In Arden. Tote: £4.40; £1.10, £12.50, £3.50. DF: £205.80. CSF: £111.34.

3.20 (1m 100yd) 1, KILLING TIME (S D Williams, 4-5 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Tread The Boards (J Fanning, 3-1); 3, Storm Heights (G Bardwell, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 8 In Demand (4th), Skelton Princess (5th), 16 Princess Shera (6th), 20 Chiltern Show. 7 ran. 2l, 12l, 3l, 3½l, 4l. A Forbes at Uttoxeter. Tote: £2.60; £1.20, £1.70. DF: £2.60. CSF: £4.09.

3.50 (1m 4f) 1, WHEELER'S WONDER (Mr J L Llewellyn, 5-1); 2, Spice And Sugar (Mr J Cambidge, 25-1); 3, Nancy (Miss A Sanders, 16-1). ALSO RAN: Evens fav Rasayel (4th), 5-2 Tempering, 7 Gold Surprise (5th), 33 Dissident Dancer, Green's Seago (6th), 50 Whitehouse Gem. 9 ran. 2l, 1l, 1½l, 20l, 8l. B Llewellyn at Bargoed. Tote: £9.80; £2.90, £2.20, £2.10. DF: £30.70. CSF: £97.29.

4.20 (5f) 1, SADDLEHOME (K Darley, 11-4 fav); 2, Trioming (Dale Gibson, 9-1); 3, Pallium (Paul Eddery, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Sir Tasker, 6 Farndale (4th), 7 Kalar, 8 Covent Garden Girl, Hinari Video, 10 Hershebar (5th), 16 The Institute Boy (6th), 20 Bitout The Middle, Breeze Away, Tommy Tempest. 13 ran. 1l, 4l, 2l, 1l, 1½l. T Barron at Thirsk. Tote: £6.70; £3.00, £2.40, £2.20. DF: £16.30. Trio: £252.30. CSF: £31.09. Tricast: £212.88.

Jackpot: £3,550.00 (0.09 winning tickets; pool of £2,831.38 carried forward to Lingfield Park today).
Placepot: £274.30.

☐ Remittance Man, who has not run since injuring his off-fore tendon at Huntingdon at the beginning of last season, will make his reappearance in the Emblem Chase at Kempton Park on Saturday.

HUNTINGDON

THUNDERER

2.00 Oldhill Wood
2.30 Roving Report
3.00 Marros Mill
3.30 Southolt
4.00 Alan Ball
4.30 Mames Boy

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 SPREE CROSS.
Brian Beel: 2.30 Roving Report.

GOING: SOFT (7.15AM INSPECTION) SIS

2.00 PIDLEY FEN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,923: 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

1 014 FONTANAYS 15 (CD,S) (Pegasus Racing) Mrs M McCourt 6-11-10 ..... G McCourt 72
2 FOX ON THE RUN (R Ogden) A Turnell 7-11-4 ..... S McNeill –
3 40 IN FOR A POUND 48 (Mrs C Van Straubenzee) J Fanshawe 5-11-4 ..... S Smith Eccles 61
4 0-60F MAC'S LEAP 26 (Mrs D Barnett) Mrs I McKie 6-11-4 ..... L Harvey 53
5 MONKS SOHAM (G Hubbard) F Murphy 6-11-4 ..... A Maguire –
6 35052R- OTTER BUSH 315 (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 5-11-4 ..... R Guest 79
7 6 RAGAMUFFIN ROMEO 26 (Mrs D Burtett) H Sawyer 5-11-4 ..... S Curran (5) 71
8 52-343 SPUFFINGTON 14 (J Clopet) J Gifford 6-11-4 ..... D Murphy
9 0/ TULWAR 1100 (D Wellicome) D Wellicome 7-11-4 ..... A Carroll –
10 WHITECHAPEL 131F (Queen Elizabeth) N Henderson 6-11-4 ..... R Dunwoody –
11 0-50 ANNIE KELLY 26 (Mrs R Hoare) J Wharton 6-10-13 ..... B Dalton 72
12 P0 BROUGHTON'S GOLD 12 (Broughton Insulation) W Musson 6-10-13 ..... N Mann –
13 035 TENAYESTELIGN 26 (G King) D Marks 6-10-13 ..... J McCarthy (3) 72
14 24 OLDHILL WOOD 20 (D Mullen) S Mellor 4-10-8 ..... S Earle 82

BETTING: 2-1 Spuffington, 5-2 Whitechapel, 4-1 Oldhill Wood, 8-1 Fontanays, 10-1 Tenayestelign, 12-1 Ragamuffin Romeo, 14-1 In For A Pound, 16-1 Monks Soham, 20-1 others.

1993: SALMOMID 7-11-1 M Hourigan (50-1) Miss K Allison 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

FONTANAYS beat Carpet Slippers 1¼l in a 16-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (soft) on penultimate start with TENAYESTELIGN (6lb better off) 4¾l 5th and RAGAMUFFIN ROMEO ¾l 6th. IN FOR A POUND best effort when 12l 4th of 10 to Mr Woodlark in a novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft). OTTER BUSH neck 2nd of 9 to Gavelo in a novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, good to firm). SPUFFINGTON 3l 4th of 22 to Elaine Tully in a novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m 6f, good to soft) on penultimate start. WHITECHAPEL head 2nd of 21 to Derab in a handicap on the Flat at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to soft). OLDHILL WOOD 5l 2nd of 14 to Squire Silk in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, soft). Selection: OLDHILL WOOD

2.30 TIMES RISING STARS HUNTERS CHASE
(Qualifier: amateurs: £1,819: 3m) (5 runners)

RUNNERS AND RIDERS — SEE ABOVE

3.00 CHATTERIS FEN HURDLE (4-Y-O: £3,306: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

1 112 LEGAL ARTIST 14F (G) (T Bream) N Graham 11-2 ..... R Dunwoody 87
2 SCORESHEET (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 10-12 ..... D Murphy –
3 21241 MARROS MILL 5 (D,S) (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 10-11 ..... A Maguire
4 00 CLEAR LOOK 3 (C Brasher) Miss H Knight 10-7 ..... M Perrett –

BETTING: 2-5 Marros Mill, 11-4 Legal Artist, 10-1 Scoresheet, 14-1 Clear Look.

1993: KADI 11-5 R Dunwoody (11-10 fav) D Nicholson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

LEGAL ARTIST 6l 2nd of 13 to Mr Geneaology in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, good to firm). Previously beat Mistroy 2l in a 13-runner novice hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f, good). SCORESHEET half-brother by Orchestra to handicap hurdler Clurican. MARROS MILL beat Eve's Treasure 2½l in an 8-runner novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy). CLEAR LOOK tailed off last of 7 to My Ballyboy in a novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, soft). Selection: MARROS MILL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Pitman	15	45	33.3	D Gallagher	6	26	23.1
D Nicholson	19	65	29.2	A Maguire	18	90	20.0
N Henderson	7	36	19.4	R Dunwoody	24	129	18.6
J Gifford	15	78	19.2	D Murphy	19	108	17.6
A P Jones	3	16	18.8	S Smith Eccles	9	51	17.6
S Mellor	3	17	17.6	M Perrett	8	46	17.4

3.30 EBF NOVICES CHASE (£2,577: 2m 4f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 P-11231 SOUTHOLT 12 (C,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 6-11-10 ..... D Bridgwater
2 000-584 FROG HOLLOW 21 (Mrs A Scott) T Forster 6-11-3 ..... B Powell 62
3 GOOD OLD CHIPS (Sybil Lady Joseph) A Turnell 7-11-3 ..... L Harvey –
4 20/42P NICKSLINE 18 (M Pinto) J Gifford 8-11-3 ..... D Murphy 98
5 P4-6304 PESSOA 10 (Mrs L Field) Mrs S Smith 7-11-3 ..... R Guest –
6 222/54P RICH NEPHEW 20 (BF,F,G,S) (D McDougall) R Rowe 9-11-3 ..... R Dunwoody 70
7 00-P SIMWELL 12 (G Hubbard) F Murphy 6-11-3 ..... P Murphy (7) –
8 1P60-FP SOUTH STACK 21 (S) (Mrs S Smith) Mrs S Smith 8-11-3 ..... Gary Lyons –
9 0/ STUBS GUEST 672 (C Geary) C Egerton 8-11-3 ..... J Osborne –
10 620036 WINGED WHISPER 12 (K Tomlinson) J Pickering 5-10-7 ..... T Eley (5) –
11 00-PPP ESSEN AITCH 13 (Spiers & Hartwell Ltd) Mrs H Parrott 5-10-2 ..... V Slattery –

BETTING: Evens Southolt, 3-1 Good Old Chips, 7-1 Nickslline, 8-1 Frog Hollow, 10-1 Pessoa, 12-1 others.

1993: BALLYROE LADY 7-11-5 A Maguire (11-4 fav) D Gandolfo 7 ran

FORM FOCUS

SOUTHOLT beat Newlands-General 1¾l in a 9-runner novice chase here (2m 110yd, soft) with WINGED WHISPER (7lb better off) tailed off 6th and SIMWELL (7lb better off) pulled up before 3 out. NICKSLINE 15l 2nd of 6 to Coonawara in a novice chase at Fontwell (2m 3f, soft) on penultimate start. PESSOA 8¾l 4th of 9 to Strong Flame in a novice handicap hurdle at Catterick (3m 3f, good to soft). RICH NEPHEW best effort when 24½l 5th of 10 to Ilewin in a handicap chase at Windsor (2m, good to soft). Selection: SOUTHOLT

4.00 TICK FEN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,707: 2m 110yd) (4 runners)

1 2231F2 SPREE CROSS 26 (D,G,S) (P Mason) Mrs D Haine 8-12-0 ..... G Bradley
2 323425 AL HASHIMI 17 (D,F,G) (A Pearn) R Hodges 10-11-13 ..... R Dunwoody 92
3 461F-43 PRIVATE AUDITION 12 (CD,F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 12-11-12 ..... A Maguire 86
4 43U133 ALAN BALL 11 (D,F,G,S) (Gilberts Feed) Miss S Wilton 8-10-13 ..... M A Fitzgerald 94

BETTING: 5-4 Spree Cross, 2-1 Alan Ball, 3-1 Al Hashimi, 10-1 Private Audition.

1993: GRIGGS BUILDERS 9-10-5 M Hourigan (5-2) M Muggeridge 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPREE CROSS 2½l 2nd of 4 to Martha's Son in a handicap chase over course and distance (soft). AL HASHIMI 10l 4th of 8 to L'Uomo Piu in a handicap chase at Warwick (2m, soft). ALAN BALL best recent run when beating AL HASHIMI (4lb better off) 15l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Nottingham (2m, soft) last month. Selection: SPREE CROSS

4.30 LONGWOOD FEN NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,042: 2m 5f 110yd) (11 runners)

1 36/023 DO BE HAVE 10 (D Walker) Mrs J Pitman 6-12-0 ..... D Bohan (7) 91
2 2-044 BRAVE HIGHLANDER 10 (S Embiricos) J Gifford 6-11-7 ..... E Murphy 92
3 R12 MAMES BOY 18 (S) (M Pinto) J Gifford 7-11-3 ..... D Murphy
4 31-3F53 GAYLOIRE 29 (G) (E Harvey) O Sherwood 5-10-10 ..... Mr A Harvey (7) 96
5 P8324-5 RING CORBITTS 15 (M Roberts) M Roberts 6-10-8 ..... R Dunwoody 88
6 1-055 MAN O MINE 57 (F) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 5-10-7 ..... D Bridgwater 91
7 0/4-4045 MOUNTAIN MASTER 20 (C Brasher) Miss H Knight 8-10-4 ..... J McCarthy (3) 95
8 5501 ANLAFFED 20 (V,S) (Mrs S McLean) J Akehurst 4-10-2 ..... D Gallagher 94
9 05546-3 RACE TO THE RHYTHM 17 N Twiston-Davies 7-10-2 ..... C Llewellyn 94
10 50030 SOLO GENT 40 (A King) A P Jones 5-10-0 ..... S McNeill 88
11 P00 BISHOPS TRUTH 50 (Jkram) R Curtis 8-10-0 ..... D Morris 71

Long handicap: Solo Gent 9-2, Bishops Truth 8-4

BETTING: 3-1 Gayloire, 4-1 Anlaffed, Mames Boy, 6-1 Race To The Rhythm, 8-1 Brave Highlander, Do Be Have, 14-1 Mountain Master, 16-1 Man O Mine, 20-1 others.

1993: DENNINGTON 5-10-5 A Maguire (3-1 jt-fav) F Murphy 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

DO BE HAVE 5¼l 3rd of 4 to Corner Boy in a novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (3m 110yd, soft). BRAVE HIGHLANDER 15¼l 4th of 15 to Callandish in a novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, soft). MAMES BOY 6l 2nd of 4 to Paradise Navy in a novice hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy). GAYLOIRE 3¼l 3rd of 12 to Googly in a novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, heavy). SOLO GENT 13l 3rd of 10 to Nick The Beak in a novice hurdle over course and distance (heavy) on penultimate start with MAN O MINE (7lb worse off) 32½l 5th. Selection: GAYLOIRE (nap)

Weather claims more cards

THE racing programme continues to be hit by the cold weather. Yesterday's meeting at Fontwell was called off due to frost, while the meeting scheduled for Sedgefield today was lost to snow and frost at noon yesterday. Today's Huntingdon card is subject to a 7.15am inspection, with a heavy frost forecast.

Prospects for tomorrow's meetings are better, with no inspections yet planned, but Doncaster clerk of the course, Charlie Moore, said: "There has been frost overnight, and we have had both snow and rain today."

THE TIMES RISING STARS HUNTINGDON

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Struggling England leave Cooke facing a dilemma

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

GEOFF Cooke, the England rugby union team manager, has a conundrum: how to reconcile his suggestion, made before England played Ireland on Saturday, that some players could not afford a second poor match with his natural disinclination to make change for the sake of it, and his loyalty to the players who make up the senior squad.

Yet change there must be when England meet in London this weekend to prepare for the match against France in Paris on Saturday week, if only to prove to ambitious players on the outskirts of the squad that those on the inside are not insulated against failure. The pity of it is that Cooke is right when he says the selectors must be convinced that players brought in can do a better job than those already there.

England's victory over Ireland in the A international did not offer that conviction so, though reasonable arguments could be made for changing as many as six of the colourless XV which lost the five nations' championship match at Twickenham by a point, it is unlikely that Cooke will go that far. He will hope that two of his first-choice back row, Dean Richards and Ben Clarke, will prove their fitness this weekend although yesterday Richards cast doubt on his availability for Paris. "England are important but there is no way I am going to jeopardise my job," he said. Richards only returned to work yesterday after recovering from a dislocated elbow and will make a decision tomorrow about his availability for Leicester's cup match.

Cooke may wonder whether Kyran Bracken was not brought into the side with undue haste and, if one half back is changed, will the other be too? Rob Andrew's inaccuracy on Saturday has opened the door to Stuart Barnes halfway through the season, while the places of two other British Lions are under threat. Tony Underwood, on the wing, has made a string of errors in international matches this season and Martin Bayfield, in the second row, has not lived up to the "world-class" tag Cooke attached to him after last summer's tour of New Zealand. Nigel Redman, like Barnes, offers experience, though potential replacements for Underwood are harder to determine.

Wales's return to the top of the British heap must be welcomed because, for all that rugby in the Principality has been through, there is more intrinsic skill in their players than in the other home unions.

The Scotland selectors meet tonight to pick their side for the game against Ireland on Saturday week. There should be few changes from the side that performed well against England, though they must decide how to fill the open-side flank position vacated by Rob Wainwright, who fractured a cheek-bone.



Richards: injury worry

Leading crew holding on by their fingertips



Lawrie Smith reports on a flying start for Intrum Justitia in the fourth leg of the Whitbread race

We are holding on by our fingernails out here — almost literally. A day after leaving Auckland at the start of the fourth stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race our yacht, *Intrum Justitia*, is flying. For the past 18 hours we have been surfing, often at more than 25 knots, towards the record books. One more six-hour run of 108 miles or more and we will have beaten our own Omega world record of 425 miles in the day.

We hope to do it without mishap to the crew or craft, but it is difficult when the winds are blowing one way and the Southern Ocean swells are running in the opposite direction.

The low-pressure system which was over New Zealand's south island when we started on Sunday is generating winds of 35-38 knots from the north-west, but the waves are coming at us from the south-east. It seems likely it will continue like this all the way to the Furious Fifty latitudes, promising an exciting opening to the 4,250-mile run to Cape Horn.

The problem we have as *Intrum* leads the fleet headlong into the Southern Ocean is that we are going so fast the boat is leaping off the waves, then crashing down amid of welter of spray into the troughs ahead. Each time, the vibrations shake the whole boat from stem to stern. It is impossible to sleep, let alone walk round the boat, and every time we crash down, the mast shakes. All we can do is keep a wary eye on it and hope that the spar continues to stand up to the strain.

We have Chris Dickson's *Tokio* breathing down our necks just seven miles astern and have to make up the best part of 18 hours on them to take the overall lead. That is no mean task when half the race is already run.

The conditions are testing our helmsmen to the limits of their endurance. I am sharing the wheel with Pierre Mas, Magnus Olsson and Dominique Wavre, but none of us can keep this pressure up for longer than half an hour at a time.

Those taking a more cautious approach are already paying the price. *Winston*, which was sharing the lead with *Tokio* during our first night at sea, has already dropped back to fifth, 34 miles astern, and *Yamaha*, also well up at one point, has begun to slip back.

As for the maxis, they are struggling in conditions like this. Grant Dalton's *New Zealand Endeavour* has dropped five miles behind *Winston* and Pierre Fehlmann's third-placed *Merit Cup* has dropped 55 miles on us. They may not get the chance to make that up again and almost certainly not before Cape Horn.

Whoever shoots the Horn first is likely to take the honours in this 6,000-mile leg back to Punta del Este, in Uruguay. The mood among the crew says it will be *Intrum Justitia* — whether or not we get any sleep!

POSITIONS (at 14.00 GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este, Uruguay): Whitbread 60 class: 1, Intrum Justitia (L Smith, Eur) 5,287 miles; 2, Tokio (C Dickson, NZ) 5,294; 3, Galicia 93; Pescanova (J de la Gandara, Sp) 5,299; 4, Yamaha (R Field, NZ) 5,307; 5, Winston (B Butterworth, US) 5,321; 6, *Brookfield (G Maisto, It) 5,337; 7, *Heineken (D Pilley, US) 5,367; 8, Dolphin & Youth Challenge (M Humphries, GB) 5,370; 9, Helman Sehaldachny (E Piriton, Ukr) 5,429; 10, Odessa (A Vadas, Ukr) 5,464. Maxi class: 1, New Zealand Endeavour (G Dalton, NZ) 5,328; 2, La Poste (E Tabarly, Fr) 5,338; 3, Merit Cup (F Fehlmann, Switz) 5,342; 4, Uruguay Natural (G Vanzini, Uru) 5,443.
* subject to time penalty for premature start.
Information provided by BT

New faces on Tour promising to rattle some cages

FROM MEL WEBB
IN BADAJOZ, SPAIN

FOR the better part of 15 years European golf has depended for its high standing in the world on a small group of brilliantly gifted players, some of whom may well be past their best. But if the first few weeks of the PGA European Tour season is anything to go by, the future of the game on this side of the Atlantic is in good hands.

The Extremadura Open, which finished here on Sunday, provided a vivid illustration of the point, with young players filling seven of the top ten places. Ballesteros, Faldo, Woosnam, Langer and Lyle have hardly been seen yet this season. When they do venture from their lairs, they will find waiting for them a pride of young lions.

The tournament here was won by Paul Eales, who although 30 is a babe in Tour terms, and is almost Faldo-like in his determination to wring the last drop of potential from his game. He has a nutritionist, physiotherapist, physical training coach, technique coach and sports psychologist on the strength. Team Eales is on the move, and its aim is to produce a world-beater.

A different sort of dedication has gone into making Lee Westwood a player to challenge the best. Westwood, who is only 20, was equal fifth here, three shots off the pace, his best finish in the five tournaments he has played, having survived the cut in all of them.

He took up the game when he was 12 and made very rapid strides after somebody had given him a half-set of clubs. At first his father, who teaches mathematics at a comprehensive school in Worksop, was able to beat him on the local municipal course, but not for long, for his son felt an instant affinity for the game.

His parents took him to John King, the Worksop Golf Club professional, who is still his coach, and by the time he was 14 Westwood had won his first Nottinghamshire junior title. It has cost the Westwoods a hard-earned £6,000 a year to give their son the opportunity to play in top-class competitions up and down the country.

By the latter days of an amateur career in which he captained England boys and played once for the senior team, he was playing off plus four and giving his 14-handicap father a shot a hole. He has had sterling support from his home club, which has made him an honorary member and has put on golf days to raise sponsorship money.

And Westwood is not an unusual case. Throughout the length and breadth of the land there are parents who are unstinting both with their time and money as they support promising sons in the development of their careers.

A bounteous harvest awaits on the European Tour of the 1990s and the old guard are going to have to look out. The young lions are on the prowl.



Westwood: fine start

Setbacks strengthen O'Reilly's resolve

David Miller finds a British speed skater with genuine hopes of striking Olympic gold

When Wilf O'Reilly states that "experiences counts for a lot" in the sport of short track speed skating, it is both the truth and an oblique piece of optimism. Few competitors in one of the Winter Olympics most hazardous sports have experience comparable to O'Reilly's. He is very much a front-runner at 29.

In O'Reilly's turbulent world, the best men and women either win medals or go hurtling off the track into the safety barriers in approximately equal proportion. There are almost as many accidents as in alpine skiing.

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O'Reilly has won two Olympic gold medals (when it was still a demonstration sport), four world championship gold medals and five world championship silver medals. He has not been out of the world's top five in the past decade.

He has crashed in the 1992 world championships at Denver, in the Albertville Olympics' 1,000 metres semi-final — for which he was favourite — and the 1993 world championships in Peking, being treated in hospital for concussion.

His Dutch speed skating girlfriend, Monique Velzeboer, is paralysed after a training accident and is in remedial care at an Amsterdam clinic. The accident was symptomatic of the risks which the racers accept every time they go on the ice. Short track events are distinguished from "long track" in speed skating by having four competitors on the ice simultaneously without lanes, so that they are tactically battling for space at every bend and down every straight, just as in athletics and, even more so, as motorcycle riders do in speedway. The difference from running, in particular, is that centrifugal force is forcing them outwards all the time. Velzeboer lost control, skidded head-first into the safety cushions and injured her neck, causing the paralysis from the shoulders downwards.

At one time, O'Reilly wondered whether the disaster that overtook her last year would prevent him competing at these Games. By degrees, rationality made both realise that to withdraw was simply to run away from life. When he goes to the starting line for tonight's 1,000 metres heats, he is neither forgetting her nor competing "to win for her". That would only magnify the pressures.

"No, that wasn't an answer," O'Reilly said. "Things don't happen that way. If it did and I won a medal, brilliant, but, if it didn't and I was thinking that way, I'd be sick with guilt ... the whole issue has made one think of life in a different way.

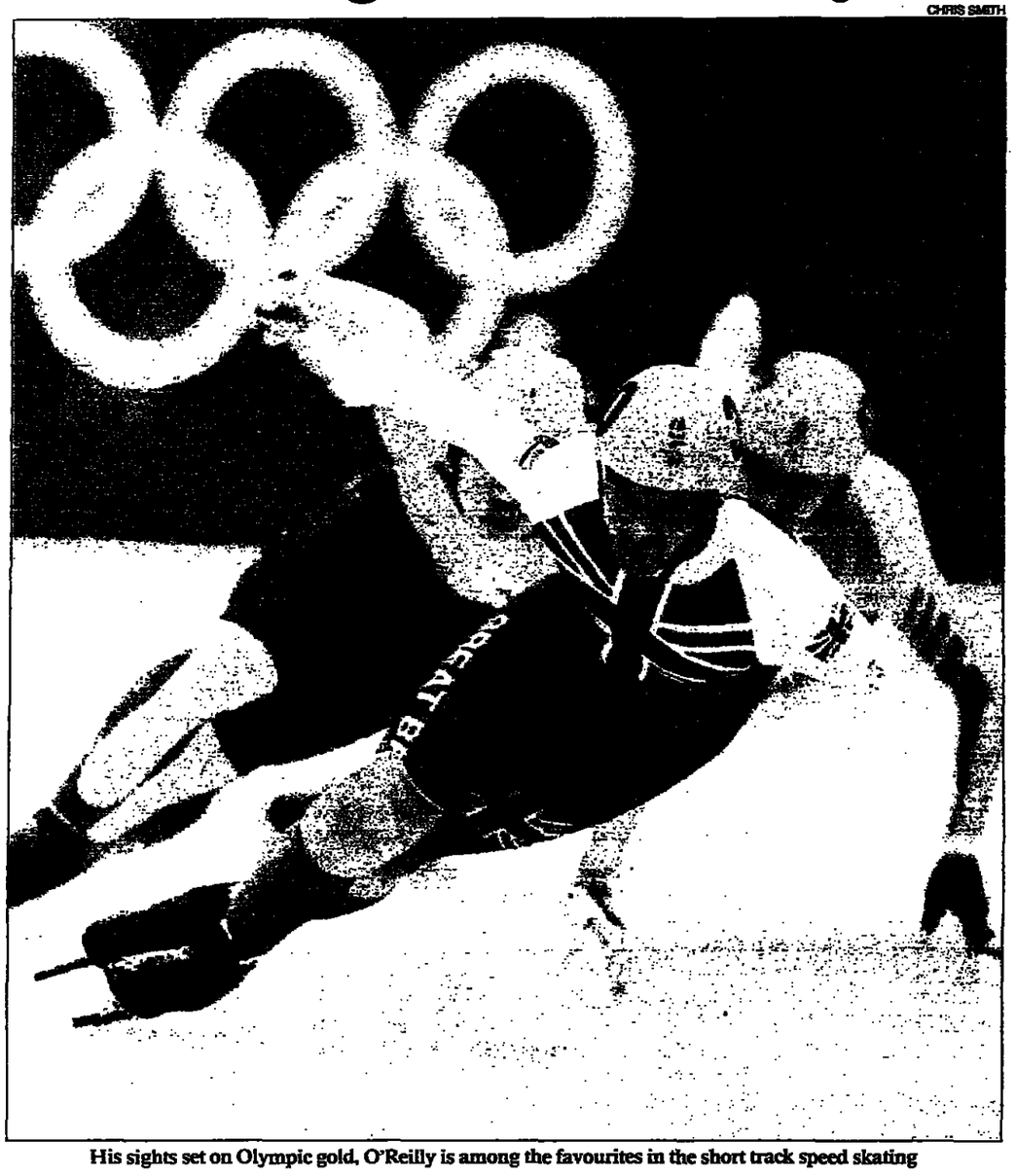
"On the other hand, to quit would have been the easy way out. Initially, that would have been an easy thing to say. If it were a question of Monique walking again or of my winning a medal, I know what I would want ... but the fact that I am taking part means things are OK [between the two of us]. I am relaxed and happy with it [the decision to be here]."

The challenge is not whether he can win for her, but whether he can justify himself at 29 — whence his comment on experience. His leading rivals are much the same age.

So much also depends on luck: avoiding crashing or being hit, or the simple luck of the draw, gaining an early heat, when the difference in recovery time for the quarter-final on the same evening can be as much as half an hour. O'Reilly points out that his sport is analagous to the Grand National: 50 jockeys and racers begin with the known probability that only half of them may be left standing. When he crashed in the Albertville semi-final, it took him only two days and quite a lot of beer to put the disappointment behind him.

The incident was nowhere near as exceptional as perceived by those in the media unfamiliar with the sport. He feels his mental and physical form is about as good as it could be, though even that may not be sharp enough to handle the razor-edged and often ruthless Koreans.

O'Reilly won last year's pre-Olympic 1,000 metres event here and the only race he has entered since Monique's accident, although that was against average opposition. He still holds the world records at 400 metres and 800 metres, but his best chance may be the 500 metres on Saturday. With his perennial buoyancy, O'Reilly might just come through.



CHRIS SMITH

His sights set on Olympic gold, O'Reilly is among the favourites in the short track speed skating

RESULTS FROM THE WINTER OLYMPICS

SPEED SKATING

WOMEN: 1,500m: 1, E Hunyady (Austria) 2mn 2.19sec; 2, S Fedotkina (Russ) 2:02.69; 3, G Niemann (Ger) 2:03.41; 4, B Blair (US) 2:03.44; 5, A Thomas (Holl) 2:03.70; 6, S Bazhanova (Russ) 2:03.99; 7, N Polockova (Russ) 2:04.00; 8, M Dascalu (Rom) 2:04.02; 9, S Hashimoto (Japan) 2:04.96, 10, T De Jong (Holl) 2:05.18

ALPINE SKIING

MEN: Freestyle skiing: Aerials: Overall placings (top 12 qualify for final) 1, A Parfenkov (Belorus) 228.49pts; 2, P Laroche (Can) 222.85; 3, L Langlois (Can) 221.61; 4, T Worthington (US) 221.11; 5, R Cobbing (GB) 208.54; 6, A Capicik (Can) 207.23; 7, N Fontaine (Can) 206.64; 8, J-M Becoun (Fr) 203.58; 9, K Feddersen (US) 199.27; 10, A Schonbächler (Switz) 196.53; 11, M Johansson (Swe) 192.57; 12, E Bergoust (US) 190.46.
WOMEN: Combined: 1, P Wiberg (Swe) (downhill 1mn 28.70sec, slalom 49.35sec and 47.11sec) 3mn 5.16sec; 2, V Schneider (Switz) (1.28.91, 49.75, 46.63) 3.05.29; 3, A Dovzan (Slovenia) (1.28.67, 50.01, 47.96) 3.06.64; 4, M Gallizio (It) (1.28.71, 48.94, 48.06) 3.06.71; 5, M Ertl (Ger) (1.29.38, 50.88, 48.42) 3.08.78; 6, K Koren (Slovenia) (1.30.59, 50.28, 48.72) 3.09.59, 7, F Masnada (Fr) (1.29.11, 51.86, 49.05) 3.10.02; 8, H Garg (Ger) (1.29.02, 52.14, 48.94) 3.10.10; 9, M Vogt (Ger) (1.29.61, 51.24, 49.29) 3.10.14; 10, P Street (US) (1.28.16, 52.58, 49.37) 3.10.15.
Freestyle skiing: Aerials: Overall placings (top 12 qualify for final) 1, K Marshall (Aus) 168.12pts; 2, H Synnoeve Lid (Nor) 158.70; 3, M Lindgren (Swe) 155.70; 4, C Olivier (Can) 153.03; 5, J Rakovitch (Belorus) 152.10; 6, N Orekhova (Russ) 150.40; 7, M Schmid (Switz) 149.08; 8, T Evans (US) 147.91; 9, N Shanshnyova (Ukr) 147.78; 10, E Senchen (Ger) 146.70; 11, I Pelyenko (Ukr) 146.18; 12, L Tcherjazova (Uzb) 144.43. British: 21, J Curry 74.21

ICE HOCKEY

POOL A: Finland 7 Germany 1; Norway 2 Austria 4. Final positions: 1, Finland 10pts; 2, Germany 8, 3, Czech Republic 6; 4, Russia 6; 5, Austria 2; 6, Norway 0
POOL B: Canada 3 Sweden 2; Slovakia 6 France 2.

ICE SKATING

ICE DANCE: Original programme: 1, J Torvill and C Dean (GB) 0.6 factored placements; 2, M Usova and A Zhulin (Russ) 1.2; 3, O Gritschuk and E Platov (Russ) 1.8; 4, S Rahkamo and P Kokko (Fin) 2.4; 5, S Monoire and P Lavanchy (Fr) 3.0; 6, A Krylova and V Fedorov (Russ) 3.6; 7, I Romanova and I Yaroshenko (Ukr) 4.2; 8, K Mrazova and M Simecek (Cz) 4.8; 9, J Goolsbee and H Schernberger (Ger) 5.4; 10, S-L Bourne and V Kraatz (Can) 6.0.
Overall: equal 1, Torvill and Dean and Usova and Zhulin, 1.8; 3, Gritschuk and Platov 2.4; 4, Rahkamo and Kokko 4.0; 5, Monlotte and Lavanchy 5.0; 6, Krylova and Fedorov 6.0; 7, Romanova and Yaroshenko 7.0; 8 Mrazova and Simecek 9.0.

NORDIC SKIING

WOMEN: 4 x 5km cross-country relay: 1, Russia 57mn 12.5sec; 2, Norway 57.42.6; 3, Italy 58.42.6; 4, Finland 58.15.9; 5, Switzerland 1:00.05.1; 6, Sweden 1:00.05.6; 7, Slovakia 1.01.00.2.

TODAY

All times GMT
09.30: Cross country, men's 4 x 10km relay.
11.30: Ski jumping, 120m team.
15.00: Ice hockey, consolation match.
18.00: Short track speed skating, men's 1,000m and women's 3,000m relay.
20.00: Ice hockey, consolation match.
TELEVISION: BBC2: 14.15-15.00; 16.30-17.30; 19.25-21.00.

Yegorova equals golden total

CROSS-country skiing is not the most glamorous of winter sports, it has earned little more than a brief mention alongside the more spectacular, more spectator-friendly events of the Winter Olympic Games at Lillehammer, but the trails through the frozen woods of northern Norway have, nonetheless, provided two of the great figures of the 1994 Games.

Bjorn Dahlie, of Norway, has already claimed three medals, two of them gold and one silver, with, among the men, only his compatriot, Johann Olav Koss, the speed skater, enjoying more success, winning three golds. Yesterday, however, another cross-country skier, Ljubov Yegorova, of Russia, eclipsed them both. By inspiring the Russian women's team to victory in the 4 x 5km relay, Yegorova, 27, won her fourth medal of the Games and her third gold.

With three golds already won at the Albertville Games two years ago, she thus brought her total to six, equalling the record set by the speed skater, Lydia Skoblikova, of the Soviet Union, in the Sixties. She is now within one medal of the overall Winter Games record of ten with one more event, Thursday's 30km, to come.

Richard Cobbing, the British freestyle skier, underlined his medal potential in the aerials competition after qualifying in fifth place for Thursday's final. The world championship silver medal-winner from Surrey produced two solid jumps to stroll through the qualifying round.

"It was really great. This is exactly where I wanted to be," Cobbing, 26, a former high-diver and trampolinist, said. "It puts me through to the final without any pressure and there is still more to come."

Jilly Curry, of Britain, who has been recovering from a knee injury, failed to make the final of the women's aerials when she had a poor landing on her first jump and crash-landed on her second.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

CANNA

(a) A genus of endogenous plants (N.O. *Marantaceae*) with brightly coloured flowers, yellow, red, or orange, and ornamental foliage, natives of warm climates, but cultivated in Britain, from the Latin *canna* a reed, *cane*, an entirely different species: "Mark, also, the crescent-shaped bed of Cannas — the Indian shot, as it is sometimes called, from the seed being so hard that the Indians used it as a missile."

CANIKIN

(b) A small can or drinking vessel, diminutive of *can*, *cf.* Dutch *kanneken*, English *mannikin*, *pannikin*; Shakespeare, *Othello*, 1604: "And let me the Cannakin clinke, clinke."

MOFUSSIL

(b) In India, the country as distinguished from 'the Presidency', the rural localities of a district as distinguished from the chief station, from the Hindustani *mufaṣṣil*, adapted from the Arabic: "Thus if, in Calcutta, one talks of the Mofussil, he means anywhere in Bengal out of Calcutta; if one at Benares talks of going into the Mofussil he means going anywhere in the Benares division or district (as the case might be) out of the city of Benares. And so over India."

MURKEN

(b) To become murk, to grow dark, from the OE *mirce*, outside Teutonic no certain cognates have been found; Gavin Douglas, *Aeneid*, 1513: "All thyng dymmis and myrknys me about."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 Ne4! wins, as 1 ... dxe4 2 Qxc5+ and 3 Qxf2 wins a rook. Black tried 1 ... Qf3 but 2 Qh8+ Ke7 3 Qxg7+ Ke8 4 Rh8+ wins for White.

Bermuda hold off Mortensen

FROM DAVID TOWNSEND IN NAIROBI

DESPITE the best efforts of Ole Mortensen, the Derbyshire bowler, Denmark were beaten by five wickets by Bermuda here yesterday and thus made an early exit from the ICC Trophy.

Mortensen, 36, has been a tower of strength for his country over the years but even he was unable to pull the game out of the fire.

After Denmark had slipped from 149 for three to 158 for seven, Mortensen coaxed the score along to 183 before the overs ran out. His innings was punctuated with calls of "He's their weak link. Keep him on strike", from some of the brasher Bermudans and it was no surprise when a mighty leg-before appeal accompanied Mortensen's first delivery to Dexter Smith at the start of the Bermuda innings.

Smith responded with a straight-driven four later in the over but Mortensen's next appeal, against Albert Steede, was upheld. He thought he had taken another wicket in his next over, but this appeal, for caught behind, was refused.

But once the Bermudans had weathered the storm, runs began to flow. Clay Smith scored a stylish 51 and Charlie Marshall's 48 not out helped condemn Denmark to the plate competition. The predominantly West Indian Bermuda side secured top place in group D with 5.1 overs to spare.

The United Arab Emirates turned in an impressive performance to beat Bangladesh by six wickets at the Ngara sports ground and earn a place in the weaker of the two quarter-final groups. Next opponents for the Emirates are Ireland, who have flown out Neil Doak to strengthen their injury-hit squad for the first round of quarter-final group matches tomorrow.

Kenya face a tough task in the other group, in which Holland and Bangledesh are favourites for the semi-finals, with Dermot Reeve's Hong Kong team capable of further upsets.

FINAL PRELIMINARY ROUND: United States: 337-6 (B Lachman 75, S Skeete 67); Argentina 226-6 (G Kirchbaum 57). United States won by 111 runs. Bangladesh 233-7 (J Alam 117 not out, S Shaheed 56); United Arab Emirates 238-4 (R Poonawala 54, V Mehra 50, S Raza 61 not out). United Arab Emirates won by six wickets. Fiji 232-9 (F Lasivou 84); West Africa 80 (L Steve 4-17). Fiji won by 152 runs. Denmark 183-7 (A Butt 70, J Gregersen 53); Bermuda 185-5 (C Smith 51). Bermuda won by five wickets.

Final preliminary tables

	P	W	L	Pt
Group A				
Holland	4	4	0	16
Ireland	4	3	1	12
Papua NG	4	2	2	8
Malaysia	4	1	3	4
Gibraltar	4	0	4	0
Group B				
UAE	4	4	0	16
Bangladesh	4	3	1	12
United States	4	2	2	8
Argentina	4	1	3	4
E and C Africa	4	0	4	0
Group C				
Kenya	4	4	0	16
Canada	4	2	1	10
Namibia	4	2	2	8
Israel	4	1	3	4
Singapore	4	0	3	2
Group D				
Bermuda	4	4	0	16
Hong Kong	4	3	1	12
Denmark	4	2	2	8
Fiji	4	1	3	4
West Africa	4	0	4	0

Canada and Singapore totals include 2pts for a no result

QUARTER-FINAL GROUPS: Group E: Holland, Bangladesh, Kenya, Hong Kong. Group F: Ireland, United Arab Emirates, Canada, Bermuda.

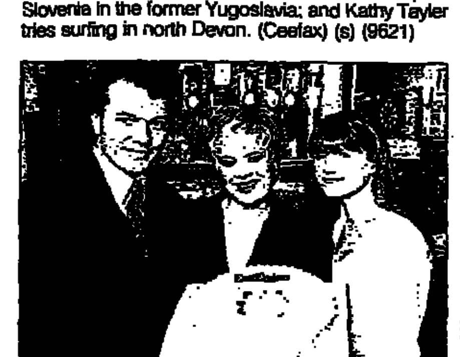
SKI REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Igls	5	55	good	varied	poor	fine	4	19/2
Pistes in great condition given onset of thaw								
Mayrhofen	65	85	good	varied		fair	3	17/2
Good skiing on all well prepared pistes								
Obergurgl	105	155	good	crust	fair	fair	1	11/2
Excellent piste skiing, icy patches lower down								
Schladming	50	150	good	heavy	good	sun	8	19/2
Excellent spring-like skiing everywhere								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	150	250	powder	powder	powder	sun	13	21/2
Absolutely superb skiing on and off piste								
Chamonix	50	375	good	powder	good	cloud	4	21/2
Heavy overnight snowfall giving excellent skiing								
Isola	200	260	good	hard	good	sun	4	15/2
Wonderful piste skiing throughout resort								
Val Thorens	140	300	good	powder	good	fine	1	20/2
Fabulous powder both on and off piste								
SWITZERLAND								
Arosa	95	110	good	varied	good	fair	3	17/2
Wonderful skiing though visibility tricky								
C Montana	40	160	fair	powder	fair	cloud	2	21/2
New snow softening pistes throughout resort								
Grindelwald	30	125	good	varied	worn	cloud	-3	21/2
Some icy patches below 1500m								
Gstaad	95	90	powder	powder	good	fair	0	21/2
Perfect skiing conditions with fresh powder								
Mürren	70	160	good	varied	good	fair	0	21/2
Excellent skiing after overnight snowfall								
St Moritz	90	160	good	varied	fair	sun	1	11/2
Super skiing on sun-drenched pistes								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (93551)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (5419209)
9.05 Kilroy. Topical studio discussion (s) (7703261)
9.45 Newshound. News quiz (s) (5447445)
10.00 News *(Ceefax)*, regional news and weather (9472716) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (3935551)
10.30 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (38638919)
12.15 Pebble Mill with Judi Spiers (s) (6867808) **12.55 Regional News** *and weather*
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (88826)
1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (49711464) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** (s) (49715280)
2.15 Columbo: Negative Reaction. Murder is the *solution to photographer Paul Galesko's marital* problems. (459938)
3.50 Teddy Trucks (2928193) **3.55 Sick as a Parrot**. Crossword puzzle game (s) (9895613) **4.10 Jackanory**. *Stone Mouse*, a story by Jenny Nimmo told by Rowena King (7099938) **4.25 SuperTed** (r) (4134434) **4.35 Hangar 17**. The guests include Paul Daniels (Ceefax) (s) (6618532)
5.00 Newsround (8801613) **5.10 Grange Hill**. (Ceefax) (s) (2954629)
5.35 Neighbours (Ceefax) (r) (s) (147342)
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** *(Ceefax)* and weather (261)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (613)
7.00 Holiday. Jill Dando reports from France on camping holidays; John Pitman cruises to Mexico via the Panama Canal; Sankha Guha samples Slovenia in the former Yugoslavia; and Kathy Tayler tries surfing in north Devon. (Ceefax) (s) (9621)

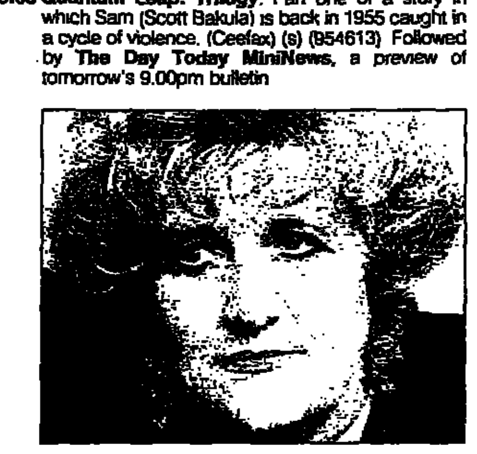


Albert Square's Letitia Dean, centre (7.30pm)

7.30 EastEnders. The soap's ninth anniversary episode. (Ceefax) (s) (975)
8.00 How Do They Do That? Desmond Lynam highlights achievements in science and *entertainment*. (Ceefax) *(s)* (328193)
8.45 Points of View presented by Anne Robinson. This week the people of Dumfries have their say about BBC programmes (675209)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather (4984)
9.30 Calling the Shots. The second and final part of the thriller starring Lynn Redgrave as a television *documentary reporter. (Ceefax) (s)* (375803). **Wales:** 9.30 Week in Week Out 10.00 Calling the Shots 10.55 Omnibus 11.45 - 1.30am Film: Biloxi Blues
10.25 CHOICE **Omnibus: Freeze – But Is It Art?** (898464)
11.15 FILM: Biloxi Blues (1988) starring Matthew Broderick and Christopher Walken. Neil Simon's *autobiographical service comedy about young* Brooklyner, Eugene Jerome, sent to do his US Army training in 1945 in Biloxi, Mississippi. Directed by *Mike Nichols. (Ceefax) (s) (114025)*
1.00am Weather. Ends at **1.05**
2.45-3.45 BBC Select: Executive Business Club (34172255) **3.15 Legal Network Television** (34179168). Ends at **3.45**

BBC2

6.20 Open University. Probability and Statistics: Chance (1372754) 6.45 Disappearing Childhood (6924396) 7.10 Food Production Systems: The Grain Story (6846261) 7.35 Physics: Newton's Revolution (8120396)
8.00 Breakfast News (Ceefax) (2063445)
8.15 Westminster Daily (7962613)
9.05 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **1.20** Bump (25182209) **1.30** Just So Stories (90487667) **1.35-1.40** Rupert the Bear (90486938)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **You and Me** (r) (11083342)
2.15 Olympic Grandstand. Steve Rider and Sue Barker introduce coverage of the team ski-jumping *competition* (2971782)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather followed by **Westminster Live.** (Ceefax) (5706645)
3.50 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7325984) **4.00 Today's the Day**. Daily nostalgia quiz presented by Martyn Lewis (s) (754)
4.30 Olympic Grandstand. Another look at last night's free ice dance featuring Jayne Torvill and *Christopher Dean* (89532)
5.30 Film 94 with Barry Norman (r) (s) (990)
6.00 FILM: Love Me Tender (1956, b/w). Elvis Presley's film debut, set in the last day's of the American Civil War, in which a Confederate troop hijack a Union payroll. Directed by Robert D. Webb (6896209)
7.25 Olympic Grandstand. Live coverage of the 1,000m speed skating event (97258025)
9.00 Quantum Leap: Trilogy. Part one of a story in which Sam (Scott Bakula) is back in 1955 caught in a cycle of violence. (Ceefax) (s) (954613) Followed by **The Day Today MiniNews**, a preview of tomorrow's 9.00pm bulletin

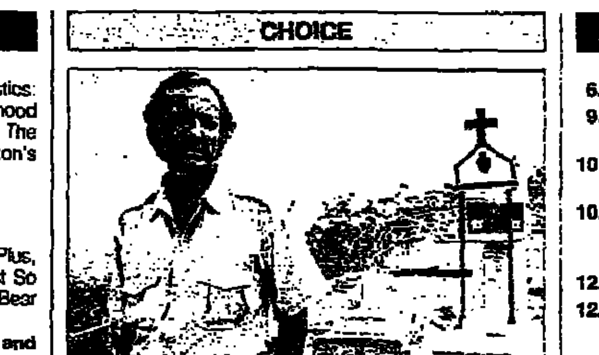


Shirl Marshall, founder of Aftermath (9.50pm)

9.50 CHOICE **40 Minutes: Why Blame the Mother?** (Ceefax) (s). Followed by **Sarajevo – a Street under Siege** (817984)
10.30 Newsnight with Kirsty Wark. (Ceefax) (133209)
11.15 **Arena: The Two Voyages of Donald Crowhurst**. A repeat of the story of the ill-fated yachtsman who tries to fake a single-handed trip around the world (641938)
11.55 Weather (448648)
12.00 **No Lay-Bys at 35,000 Feet**. *A study of an* aeroplane's three vital parts (6151439)
12.25am OU Downloaded Video. Draughting (5201149). Ends at **1.30**
2.00 Night School: Mathsphere series 2 (40781). Ends at **4.00**

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CHOICE



John Pilger investigates genocide (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: Death of a Nation
ITV, 10.40pm

John Pilger comes up with the perfect companion-piece to his angry documentaries about the Pol Pot regime in Cambodia. Here is another story of genocide practised in a remote part of the world and of Western connivance. Until the 1970s East Timor, an island 400 miles north of Australia, had been benignly ruled by the Portuguese. When the Portuguese left, Indonesia moved in, claiming "common brotherhood". In the years that followed some 200,000 people died, almost one-third of the population. Apart from detailing the scale and nature of the atrocities, Pilger accuses Britain, the United States and Australia of looking the other way while continuing to supply arms to the Indonesian dictatorship.

Omnibus: Freeze — But Is It Art?
BBC1, 10.25pm (Scotland: Thursday, 11.35pm)

Damien Hirst is a young artist who has an obsession with dead animals. His latest creation consists of a cow and its calf, each sawn in half and pickled in formaldehyde. Exhibited in tanks, this "sculpture" is Hirst's contribution to the Venice Biennale. Hirst came to prominence in 1988 with his student show called Freeze. Since then he and his fellow iconoclasts have been hailed by critics and rubbished by the tabloids. Mark James's film is broadly sympathetic to Hirst, while providing ample ammunition for those who think that sawn-up cows are not art. James himself risks an entry in *Pseud's Corner* by casting Donald Pleasence as a creepy dentist who sets Hirst off into a drug-induced nightmare.

40 Minutes: Why Blame the Mother?
BBC2, 9.50pm

A by-product of the James Bulger trial was a debate on how far parents are responsible for the behaviour of their children. Marilyn Gaunt's film suggests that murderers and rapists do not necessarily come from bad backgrounds. The parents are often totally bewildered at how their offspring turn out and as appalled as anyone else at their crimes. The programme focuses on the work of Aftermath, the only support group in Britain for families of serious offenders. Many of the members are mothers. Four are interviewed, including Sue Venables, whose 11-year-old son was one of the boys convicted for the Bulger murder. *She now lives in hiding and says she* would not wish her experience on anyone.

Without Walls
Channel 4, 9.00pm

In a lively two-header Oliver Reed participates in his own obituary and Paul Bailey attacks the cult of the super-chef. The Reed piece inevitably focuses on his drinking exploits and propensity for causing trouble on television chat shows. To the last point Ollie retorts that he is a professional entertainer. People expect him *to play the buffoon so he does. Several wise judges* argue that Reed has been undervalued as an actor. Bailey's diatribe against celebrity chefs is, he claims, *aimed at the culture rather than individuals.* All the same the likes of Anton Mosimann, Marco Pierre White and the Roux brothers are castigated for *intruding their obsession with fame on the customer's* enjoyment of good food. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV (3026551)
9.25 Win, Lose or Draw (s) (8106648) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (3848071)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical studio debate chaired by John Stapleton (s) (2782071)
10.35 This Morning Weekday magazine with Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (38622358) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8432071)
12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (3649396)
12.55 Emmerdale *(r). (Teletext) (3624087)* **1.25 Home and Away**. Australian family drama serial (Teletext) (97320716)
1.55 It's a Vet's Life. John Baxter discovers who cares for unwanted family pets in Singapore. (Teletext) (96091218) **2.25 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (43385613) **2.50 The Young Doctors** Hospital drama (3948648)
3.20 ITN News headlines **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8702822)
3.30 *Rainbow* (9983822) *3.40 Tots TV (s)* (7429754) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (7425938) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (7093754)
4.15 NEW **Mike and Angelo**. Adventures of an alien and his human friend (s) (8488342)
4.40 The Tomorrow People. Time travelling drama series. (Teletext) (2745464)
5.10 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (5224025)
5.40 **Early Evening News** *(Teletext) and weather* (575716)
6.00 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (80377)

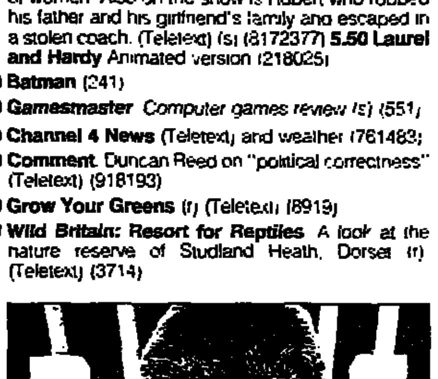


Claire King and Norman Bowler (7.00pm)

7.00 **Emmerdale**. *Kim receives a surprise from her* former husband. (Teletext) (1629)
7.30 Gangsters. This second programme in a six-part series about London's underworld focuses on the fight to be top dog between Jack Spot, Billy Hill and Albert Dimes in the 1940s and 1960s (s) (193)
8.00 The Bill. DI Johnson and customs officials close in on a big drugs ring. (Teletext) (5367)
8.30 *FILM: Feds (1988) Comedy about lively Janis* Zuckerman and bookish Ellie De Witt who become friends when they enrol as new recruits at the FBI *academy. Directed by Dan Goldberg (Teletext)* (59938)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (999667)
10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Death of a Nation – The Timor Conspiracy**. (Teletext) (1990025)
12.10am Prisoner: Cell Block H (4462781)
1.00 The Beat. Music and film reviews (s) (30287)
2.00 FILM: After the Promise (1987). Drama set in the Depression, based on fact, about an estranged father's fight to gain custody of his sons. Starring Mark Harmon Directed by David Greene (54694)
3.30 *America's Top Ten (s) (34526)*
4.00 The Little Picture Show (r) (75675)
5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (29014)
5.30 ITN Morning News (26878). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Jayce and the Wheeled Warriors (r) (6822984)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (94629)
9.00 Sabotage All-female quiz game show (s) (42629)
9.30 Schools: Eureka! Toys and Games (915087) **9.45** Stop, Look and Listen. Where You Live (5463483) **10.00** Fourways Farm (9489006) **10.10** Visual World (4337193) **10.27** Timelines (9676629) **10.44** Living and Growing (1754396) **11.00** Science in Focus: Exemplars (1087349) **11.22** Stage One: Toy Technology (7363532) **11.40** Time Capsule (3350342)
12.00 House To House Political magazine presented by *Maya Even (55193)*
12.30 Sesame Street Entertaining early learning series (19006) **1.30 Alfred J. Kwak** (r) (99071)
2.00 FILM: King's Rhapsody. (1955) Romantic drama based on the operetta by Ivor Novello in which a royal heir, living in exile with his mistress, faces a difficult choice when his father dies. With Errol Flynn and Anna Neagle, directed by Herbert Wilcox (107938)
3.40 A Blink of Paradise. Short film about a young woman obsessed with her first memory and troubled by *recollections of her mother.* Starring Martha Plimpton (9898700)
3.55 A Brush With Art Alwyn Crawshaw with ideas on *how to set up a still-life subject (r) (Teletext)* (6479648)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (826)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show Donny is 27 and in jail. At 18 he was a toyboy and has conned $500,000 out of women. Also on the show is Robert who robbed his father and his girlfriend's family and escaped in a stolen coach. (Teletext) (s) (8172377) **5.50 Laurel and Hardy** Animated version (218025)
6.00 Batman (241)
6.30 **Gamesmaster** *Computer games review (s)* (551)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (761483)
7.50 Comment. Duncan Reed on "political correctness" (Teletext) (918193)
8.00 Grow Your Greens (r) (Teletext) (8919)
8.30 **Wild Britain: Resort for Reptiles** A look at the nature reserve of Studland Heath, Dorset (r) (Teletext) (3714)



Actor Oliver Reed reviews his life (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Without Walls: The Obituary Show – Oliver Reed** (Teletext) (3822) **9.30 Without Walls: J'accuse – the Superchefs**. (Teletext) (s) (83464)
10.00 FILM: Paris By Night (1988) starring Charlotte Rampling and Michael Gambon A thriller about a right-wing Euro MP whose successful career descends into a web of deceit, blackmail and death Directed by David Hare (Teletext) (411700)
11.55 Football Italia – Mezzanotte. Highlights of Sampdoria v Atalanta (630342)
12.55am Branford Marsalis – Steep. The life and music of the jazz star. With contributions from, among others, Sting and Herbie Hancock (r) (581878).
Ends at **2.35**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Bruno Brookes (FM only) **7.00** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Emma Freud **2.00pm** Mark Goodier **4.00** Nicky Campbell with Drivetime **7.00** Evening Session *9.00 The Story of Pop: Elvis* Presley **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Martin Kelner **11.30** Jimmy Young *2.00pm Gloria Hunniford 3.30 Ed* Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** We Stayed in with . . Jungr and Parker **7.30** Hayes Over Britain **9.00** Ronald Frankau: The Blue Boy of Variety. See Choice **10.00** Rhyme and Rhythm: Domestic Blitz **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Schools: Infant Science: See for Yourself, **9.10** Radio Numbertime **9.20** First Steps in Drama; **9.35** Wordplay; **9.45** Singing Together; **10.05** Time to Move **10.25** Johnnie Walker, including at **11.30** Wiggly Park **12.30pm** A Century Remembered (r) **1.10** The Crunch **2.30** BFBS Worldwide **4.05** John Inverdale's *Drive-In* **6.30** *The Thing at the Top of the Tree*, by Steve Walker. Another tall tale from Colonel Digby Throckmorton **7.15** Benjamin Black: Wendy Lee's stories of the young son of yuppie parents **7.30** Football Plus **10.10** Earshot **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** And Then He Kissed Me **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** International Recital **9.00** News **9.05** World Business Report **9.15** Alexis Korner's *Rhythm 'n' Blues* **9.30** *On Screen* **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Discovery **10.30** No Money, No Music **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German **Noon** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *Frankenstein* **2.45** Top Scores **3.00** News **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell. News in German **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** News, **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** *Megamix* **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** International Recital **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** What's News? **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Development '94 **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Discovery **4.00** News **4.15** Waveguide **4.25** Book Choice

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick *Bailey* **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Boccherini (Cello *Concerto in B flat*) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Sarah Ward **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert. Copland (El salón México); Respighi (Brazilian Impressions); Milhaud (Scaramouche); and music by Villa-Lobos and Mompou **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono's Breakfast **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Graham Dene **4.00** *Wendy Lloyd* **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Paul Coyle

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (3848071) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News and Weather (8432071) **1.55** *A Country Practice* (49716919) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (8702822) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5224025) **6.00** Home and Away (581483) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather and Anglia News (988803) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (193) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News and Weather (690629) **1.05am** Dear Sarah (2654965) **2.35** The Little Picture Show (9205149) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (7567830) **4.20** Jobfinder (6343743) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (29014)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (3848071) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (8432071) **1.55** Shortland Street (49716919) **2.50-3.20** A Country Practice (3948648) **3.25-3.30** Central News (8702822) **5.10-5.40** Swot or Wot? (5224025) **6.00** Home and Away (581483) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (988803) **7.30-8.00** The Tuesday Special (193) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (690629) **12.10am** The Hidden Room (6127472) **12.40** The Powers That Be (4043168) *1.10* Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (5890439) **1.40** The Big E (5372287) **2.30** Riviera (10946) **3.00** The Beat (58410) **4.00** Jobfinder (7857762) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (3536588)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West News (3848071) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (8432071) **1.55** A Country Practice (49716919) **3.25-3.30** HTV West News (8702822) **6.00** HTV News (629) **6.30-7.00** Animal Country (209) **7.30-8.00** Good Health! (193) **10.30-10.40** HTV West News and Weather (690629) **1.05am** Dear Sarah (2654965) **2.35** The Little Picture Show (9205149) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (7567830) **4.20** Jobfinder (6343743) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion (29014)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 9.55-10.00 HTV Wales News (3848071) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV Wales News and Weather (8432071) **3.25-3.30** HTV Wales News (8702822) **6.00-6.30** *Wales at Six* (629) *7.30-8.00* Grass Roots (193) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (690629)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (3848071) **12.20pm-12.30** *Meridian News and Weather* (8432071) **1.55** A Country Practice (49716919) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (3948648) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (8702822) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Freescreen (215938) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (629) **6.30-7.00** Southern Gold (209) **7.30-8.00** Serve You Right (193) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (690629) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen

TYNE TEES

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Tyne Tees News and Weather (3848071) **12.20pm** Tyne Tees News and Weather (8521919) **1.55-3.15** A Country Practice (49716919) **5.55** Tyne Tees Today (928396) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (209) **7.30-8.00** Lives in Focus (193) **12.10am** The Groundstar Conspiracy (577502) **1.50** The Little Picture Show (7218762) **2.50** Sport AM (9200694) **3.50** Stage Three (1728588) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (2133965)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: **12.20pm-12.30** Westcountry Latest (8432071) **1.55** The Young Doctors (96091218) **2.25-2.55** It's a Vet's Life (43472193) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry Latest (8702822) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (80377) **7.30-8.00** Roadrunner (193) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry Latest (690629) *1.00am My Story (9757304)* **1.05** Dear Sarah (2654965) **2.35** The Little Picture Show (9205149) **3.30** ITV Chart Show (7567830) **4.20** Jobfinder (6343743) **5.00-5.30** Videofashion

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55-3.15 A Country Practice (49716919) **5.55** Calendar (925396) **6.30-7.00** Cross Wits (209) **7.30-8.00** Love and War (193) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (690629) **12.10am** The Groundstar Conspiracy (577502) **1.50** The Little Picture Show (7218762) **2.50** Sport AM (9200694) **3.50** Stage Three (1728588) **4.50-5.30** Jobfinder (2133965)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (94629) **9.00** Sabotage (42629) **9.30** Ysgolion (915087) **12.00pm** House To House (55193) **12.30** *Slot Meithrin (90700)* **1.00** *Profiles Of Nature* Tree Squirrels (97716) **1.30** Nature Perfected. New Perspectives (39071) **2.00** The Late Late Show (69445) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5793716) **3.50** Laurel And Hardy (7416280) **4.00** Slot 23 (1889367) **4.01** Tro: A Thro: (8570377) **4.20** Manawydan (8589025) *4.45 Chwedlau Taliesin (9994735)* **5.00** Moviewatch (2735) **5.30** Countdown (358) **6.00** Newyddion/6 (676025) **6.20** Cwlwm Serch (545716) **6.25** Heno (986445) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (9071) **7.30** St Kilda Ynys Y r Apar (735) **8.00** Sholalau (8919) **8.30** Newyddion/news (3714) **9.00** Cutting Edge: *Shops And Robbers (7777)* **10.00** The Golden Girls: Blanche's Little Girl (56822) **10.30** Dim Tafod (94464) **11.30** Don't Forget Your Toothbrush (18483) **12.30am** Walk On The Wild Side, Fossil Girls (96149)

RADIO 3

6.30am Open University: History: An interview with Lord Briggs
6.55 Weather
7.00 On Air: *Sallinen (Winter was* hard; Sakura: Taplola Children's Choir under Erkki Pohjola); Buxtehude (Trio Sonata in D, Op 2 No 2); Mendelssohn (Song without Words, Book 8 No 44: Gaby Casadesus piano); Sweelinck (Mein junges Leben hat ein End); Strauss (Morgen, Op 27 *No 4): Parry (An English Suite)*
9.00 Composers of the Week: Lalande, Marais and Their Circle. Lalande (Confitebimur tibi, Deus); de la Guerre (Courante; Rigaudons); Marais (Alcyone, Act 3 — excerpts)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Piers Burton-Page. **10.20** Richard Rodney Bennett (Saxophone Sonata: Martin Robertson); **10.40** *Artists of the Week*: Allegri Quartet performs Haydn (String Quartet in E flat, Op 76 No 3); **11.30** Stravinsky (Ballet, Jeu de Cartes)
12.00 **Music Restored** *(r)*
1.00pm News
1.05 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra plays Michael Torke (Green); Dvořák (Cello Concerto in B minor); Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 2 in C minor, Little Russian)
2.40 BBC Singers: Tippett (Dance, *Clarion Air*); *Bernard Naylor* (De corona spinea); Richard Rodney Bennett (Madrigals); *Thomas Wilson (Night Songs)*; Sebastian Forbes (The World of Wales)
3.30 The American Symphony: Sessions (Symphony No 2); Piston (Three New England Sketches); Copland (Symphony No 3)
5.00 The Music Machine: Marcelle d'Argy Smith, editor of *Cosmopolitan*, talks about love
5.15 In Tune: Grieg (Symphonic Dance, Op 64 No 1): arr. Mozart (Violin Concerto in D minor, Adelaide); Hummel (Octet-Partita in E flat)
7.30 Pebble Mill 1993/4: Beethoven (Horn Sonata in F, Op 17), Ives (Piano Trio); *Abrahamsen (Six Pieces for* violin, horn and piano); Brahms (Horn Trio in E flat)
9.25 Artists and the Landscape: Dr Judith Collins talks to Roger Ackling, who uses the sun's heat to burn wood
9.45 **Nikolaeva Plays Bach's "48"**: Bach (Well-Tempered Klavier, Book 1, Preludes and Fugues Nos 13-18: *Tatiana* Nikolaeva, piano)
10.15 Maxwell Davies: A Stone Litany (BBC Philharmonic)
10.45 Night Waves. Humphrey Carpenter reviews the revival of *The Kitchen*, by Arnold *Wesker, at London's Royal* Court Theatre: and discusses documentary photography
11.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Jacek Kaspszyk plays Beethoven (Overture, King Stephen, Symphony No 6, Pastoral)
12.30-12.35am News 1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

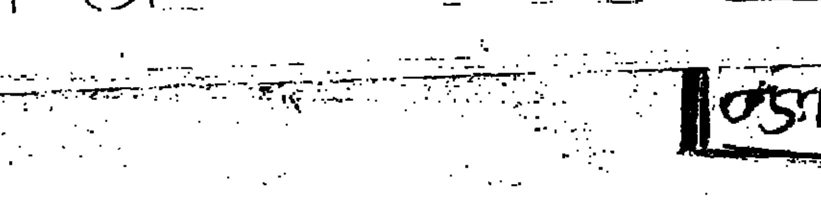
RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today *6.25 Prayer for the Day* **6.30** Today, incl **6.30**, **7.00**, **7.30**, **8.00**, **8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55**, **7.55** Weather **7.25**, **8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament *8.58 Weather*
9.00 News 9.05 Call Debbie Thrower: 071-580 4444. Lines open from 8am
10.00-10.30 Homing In . . . on Cromer (FM only): Claire Rayner looks at the Norfolk seaside town of Cromer
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW only)
10.15 *The Bible (LW only): Acts of* the Apostles (2/10)
10.30 Woman's Hour: Jenni Murray meets Nicola Fairbrother, the world judo champion. Serial: *Limestone and Clay* (7/10). Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 Medicine Now
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Word of Mouth. Frank Delaney launches a dictation contest **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty Minute Theatre. The Storyteller, by Katie O'Reilley. Michael's life revolves around his mother and the church, until he meets Nora. She and her mother are storytellers and, under their *influence*, Michael's imagination blossoms. With Richard Pearce, Emma Chambers and Rachel Atkins
2.30 Singing for a Living: See Choice
3.00-4.00 Anderson Country (FM only): Debate, stories and opinion with Gerry Anderson
3.00 News; Prime Minister's Questions (LW only), live from Westminster
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope Gill Pyrah reviews *The Curse of the Werewolf*, the new musical at Stratford East
4.45 Short Story: Getting the *Medal*, by Frances McNeill. Read by Eileen O'Brien
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Board Game: Nigel Cassidy with contestants Alistair Ross Goobey, Nigel Whittaker, Howard Hodgson and Peter Day
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**
7.20 File on 4: Jenny Cuffe reports
8.00 Science Now (r)
8.30 Skeletons in the Closet: Veronica Reinhardt probes more extraordinary family secrets in the last of the series
8.45 In Touch: For people with a visual handicap
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Oscar and Lucinda, by Peter Carey. Abridged and read by John *Turnbull (9/12)*
11.00 Mediumwave (r)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **2.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

CHOICE

Singing for a Living. *Radio 4, 2.30pm.*
Predictably, there is a "Vissi d'arte" during the American soprano Catherine Malfitano's interview with Nigel Douglas. Her Tosca, partnering Placido Domingo's Caveradossi, had a world-wide audience in the historic live transmission of *Tosca* from Rome in 1992. I like her honesty. It is she, not Douglas, who recalls that she was booed when she sang Constanza in Mozart's *Seraglio* at the Paris Opéra. Her interview, the first in Douglas's resumed series, is also *punctuated with arias from Strauss's Salome and Monteverdi's L'incoronazione di Poppea.*

Ronald Frankau: The Blue Boy of Variety. *Radio 2, 9.00pm.*
Frankau was a master of innuendo, a chronicler and raconteur of the imagined doings of predatory bachelors and the girls who were just dying to be caught. In the 1930s and 1940s, his risqué quips and song lyrics, delivered at speed and in Old Etonian tones, made him a *favourite son of radio listeners and the darling of the more discerning* variety hall patrons. Jeremy Nicholas's portrait of this highly skilled skater on thin ice is an unmissable treat. **Peter Davalle**



CLASSIC DISCUSSIONS.
MONDAY-FRIDAY 12 NOON.
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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (73762006) **8.40** *Lamb* Chops (5704071) **9.10** Cartoons (4208193) **9.30** Card Sharks (6609957) **9.55** Concentration (5059218) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (6703532) **10.30** Love at First Sight (80803) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (44648) **12.00** Urban Peasant (23993) **12.30pm** E Street (21648) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (19803) **2.00** Top of the Hill (10193) **3.00** Another World (9398777) **3.50** DJ Kat (9813551) **5.00** Star Trek. The Next Generation (2990) **6.00** Games World (8803) **6.30** E Street (2483) **7.00** M*A*S*H (7349) **7.30** Full House (8667) **8.00** Unsolved Mysteries (74700) **9.00** Melrose Place (67464) **10.00** Star Trek. The Next Generation (60551) **11.00** Untouchables (52613) **12.00** Streets of San Francisco (90526) **1.00am** Night Court (66675) **1.30-2.00** Living Color (90120)

SKY NEWS

News on the Hour
6.00am Sunrise (48071) **9.30** Nightline (30174) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (22667) **11.30** Japan Business (62087) **12.30pm** News/Business (26483) **1.30** CBS News (21984) **2.30** Parliament (17071) **4.30** News/Business (8280) **5.00** Live at Five (198358) *7.30 Target (6209) 9.30 Talkback (32754)* **11.30** CBS News (59862) **12.30am** ABC News (11101) **1.30** Target (75101) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (45507) **3.30** Talkback (40052) **4.30** Target (18304) **5.30-6.00** News (59120)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (8270938)
10.00 Mrs 'arris Goes to Paris (1992) Comedy with Angela Lansbury (25464)
12.00 **The Night They Raided Minsky's** (1968) Britt Ekland plays an Amish woman who falls for a burlesque comedian (24396)
2.00pm Forty Guns to Apache Pass (1967) A soldier protects settlers when Cochise attacks. With Audie Murphy (51803)
4.00 Joe Panther (1976) Coming-of-age drama about an American Indian boy (7822)
6.00 Mrs 'arris Goes to Paris (as 10am) (71667)
8.00 Freejack (1992) Science fiction *adventure starring Emilio Estevez (70984)*
10.00 JFK (1991): Oliver Stone's drama about the president's assassination (49624367)
1.05am Mandingo (1975). Slaves rise up against their cruel master (89792410)
3.15 Twice-Told Tales (1963). Vincent Price imprisons his sister's lover in this horror yarn (38757149) Ends at **5.10**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

5.00pm A Farewell to Arms (1957) An ambulance driver falls for a nurse (149377)
9.00 Annie Hall (1977): Sparkling Woody *Allen romantic comedy (85960174)*
10.40 The Raven (1935, b/w) A deranged plastic surgeon creates a torture chamber (578358) Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Bandit of Sherwood Forest (1946): Cornel Wilde plays Robin (60919)
8.00 The Dragon That Almost Wasn't (1983) Animated fun from Holland (56777)
10.00 You Were Never Lovelier (1942, b/w) A hotel boss invents an admirer for his daughter. Musical with Fred Astaire (23006)
12.00 Operation Mad Ball (1957, b/w) *Allied soldiers in France hold a party (22939)*
2.00pm Not Without My Daughter (1990): An American woman tries to escape from her husband's Iranian homeland (59445)
4.00 The Dragon That Almost Wasn't (as 8am) (5464)
6.00 The Treasure (1990) Two youngsters *race villains to buried treasure (79209)*
8.00 The Prince of Tides (1991) Nick Nolte pieces together his past with the help of psychiatrist Barbra Streisand (26934984)
10.15 Rage and Honour II — Hostile Takeover (1992) Martial arts (769464)
11.55 Field of Fire (1991): Marines rescue an important POW in Vietnam (573193)
1.25am Friends (1971): Two misunderstood French teenagers elope (443658)
3.05 *Dead Solid Perfect (1988) Romantic* golfing comedy (66813033). Ends at **4.40**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Prime Bodies (81193) **7.30** Soccer (9427006) **7.45** WWF (9560193) **8.30** Snowboarding (86174) **9.00** Prime Bodies (60434) **9.30** Daytona 500 (18629) **11.30** Test Match Cricket West Indies v England (9381464) **3.00pm** Snooker (56700) **5.00** *Hockey (3648)* **5.00** *Soccer and Cricket* (2261) **6.30** Netbusters (365667) **6.45** WWF (765385) **7.30** Basketball (11716) **9.30** Golf Tips (27919) **10.00** Soccer News (882025) **10.15** *Football Show* (624025) **11.15** The Boss (857006) **11.45** Drag Racing (856377) **12.15-2.15am** German Football (942743)

EUROSPORT

6.00am Olympic News (19025) **6.30** Olympic Morning (56280) **7.00** Alpine Skiing (11532) **8.00** Figure Skating (1671174) **9.15** Cross Country Skiing (49567174) **11.45** Ski Jumping (72499667) **2.00pm** Figure Skating (8649613) **3.15** Ice Hockey (9376268) **4.30** Olympic News (6464) **5.00** Ice Hockey (8716) **6.00** Short-Track Speedskating (6526006) **9.30** Ice Hockey (10648) **10.30** Olympic News (92735) **11.00** News (67990) **11.30** Ski Jumping (45648) **12.30am** Ice Hockey (32236) **1.30** Olympic News (45694) *2.00 News (79255) 2.30 Ice Hockey (10149)* **4.00** Speedskating (53491) **5.00** Olympic Morning (33392) **5.30-6.00** News (97304)

UK GOLD

7.00am The Sullivans (4241483) **7.30** Neighbours (4220990) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4627377) **8.30** EastEnders (4626648) **9.00** The Bill (4537700) **9.30** Jemima Shore (4258803) **10.30** Wings *(1038735) 11.30 The Sullivans (4852919)* **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4620464) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1640648) **1.00** EastEnders (4240754) **1.30** The Bill (1849919) **2.00** Shelley (2737735) **2.30** Brush Strokes (5019613) **3.00** Dallas (2557919) **3.55** The Colbys (4471280) **4.50** Every Second Counts (3844990) **5.25** Give Us a Clue (95400532) **5.55** Sykes (4253754) **6.30** EastEnders (5107822) **7.00** Adrian Mole (2731551) **7.30** Brush Strokes (5103006) *8.00 Shelley (2644071) 8.30 Bread* (7359396) **9.05** Callan (2531434) **10.00** The Bill (4621193) **10.30** Carrott (4534613) **11.00** Top of the Pops (7182990) **11.40** Dr Who (5191667) **12.10am** FILM. Five Came Back (1939, b/w): Crash survivors evade head-hunters (92912656) **1.30** Video Bites (3574491) **2.00-7.00** *Shopping* (4195938)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am RatKan II (40919) **6.30** Bobobobs (60209) **7.00** Paddy (4915551) **7.15** Gravedale High (402445) **7.45** Pugwall (401716) **8.15** Head to Head (9560209) **8.30** *Teddy Ruxpin (20532) 9.00 Droopee Time* (59667) **10.00** Topsy and Tim (99209) **11.00** RatKan II (28613) **11.30** Bobobobs (27342) **12.00** Paddy (5069984) **12.15pm** Madeline (100434) **12.45** Pugwall (550975) **1.15** Head to Head (23662648) **1.30** Teddy Ruxpin (77984) **2.00** Madeline (5261) **2.30** New Shoe People (5014174) **2.45** Babar (950731) **3.15** Ratkan II (3374071) **3.20** Newts (2849803) **3.35** Special Feature (4050754) **3.40** Rude Dog (6125377) **3.55** Head to *Head (5314377)* **4.00** *McGee and Me (1984)* **4.30-5.00** T-Rex (3396)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Speed Racer (89735) **7.30** Turtles (95342) **8.00** Rugrats (85445) **8.30** Tomatoes (84716) **9.00** Fraggle Rock (60416) **9.30** Kablooey (34209) **10.00** Eureeka (59006) **10.30** David the Gnome (97280) **11.00** Banana Sandwich (88483) **11.30** Eureeka (63984) **12.00** Fraggle Rock (88532) **12.30pm** Gnomes (38025) **1.00** Banana Sandwich (88006) **1.30** Janosch (37396) **2.00** Wild Side (1803) **2.30** Out of Control (9174) **3.00** Get the Picture (4498) **3.30** Tomatoes (1919) **4.00** Speed Racer (3754) **4.30** Hero Turtles (9938) **5.00** Clarissa (5483) **5.30** Guts (3990) **6.00** Rugrats (3713) **6.30-7.00** The Monkees (4483)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Global Family (5104735) **4.30** Coral Reef (5100919) **5.00** Going Places (2446445) **5.55** Postcards (6136272) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4094174) **7.00** Dutrell (2759193) **7.30** Bush Tucker Man (5101648) **8.00** Encyclopedia (2642613) **8.30** Mysterious World (2734648) *9.00 Wings (2151067)* **10.00** Disappearing Worlds (2154174) **11.00-12.00** Realm of Darkness (4225445)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM The Heart of a Man (1959, b/w). Frankie Vaughan plays a sailor turned singer (9086464) **1.45pm** Art Linkletter (92227006)

2.00 FILM Shall We Dance (1937, b/w) Romantic musical with Fred Astaire and *Ginger Rogers (2074984)* **4.00** The Flying Nun (5191261) **4.30** My Three Sons (5197445) **5.00** Beverly Hillbillies (2746483) **5.30** Donny and Marie (5111025) **6.00** Invisible Man (5118938) **6.30** Torchy (5192990) **7.00** Partridge Family (2159629) **8.00** Avengers (2168377) **9.00** FILM Age of Innocence (1977) A teacher's pacifism sparks protests (66100984) **10.45** Art Linkletter (5672629) **11.00** Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (4861667) **11.30-12.00** Twilight Zone (3846629)

UK LIVING

7.00am Living (5056700) **8.00** Your Child (1751754) **8.30** Bon Voyage (1750025) **9.00** Days of Our Lives (6903648) **10.00** Dr Ruth (4893754) **10.30** The Young and the Restless (8578218) **11.30** Floyd (3029280) **12.00** Jayne's Stars and Signs (77760193) **12.15pm** Practical Living (58689464) **12.30** *Housecalls (9700174)* **1.00** *First Time Planting* (5234193) **1.30** Bon Voyage (9709445) **2.00** Agony (4894483) **3.00** Living (7977822) **3.45** Gladrags (69573358) **4.00** Definition (1445071) **4.30** Infatuation (1547483) **5.00** Rodeo Drive (9000349) **5.30** Fame and Fortune (5279006) **5.45** Kilroy (1312590) **6.30** *Madhur Jaffrey (1446700)* **7.00** Maternal World (9105893) **7.30** That's Amore (1442984) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2055803) **9.00** FILM Dear Detective (1979) A cop's new case threatens her love life (68200218) **10.50** Fame and Romance (4195687) **11.00** Cagney and Lacey (5148342) **12.00-1.00am** Agony (5951156)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm *Big Brother Jake (3613)* **5.30** *The* Black Stallion (4648) **6.00** Wonder Years (4261) **6.30** Catchphrase (2613) **7.00** All Clued Up (6377) **7.30** Pyramid (4025) **8.00** Cats Eyes (47648) **9.00** Lou Grant (54984) **10.00** Trivial Pursuit (32377) **10.30** Evening Shade (41025) **11.00** Remington (90938) **12.00-1.00am** Big Valley (69694)

MTV

6.00am Wild Side (46862) **8.00** VJ Ingo (874551) **11.00** Soul (28071) **11.30** The Pulse (29700) **12.00** Hits (62006) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (652006) **3.30** The Report (6121551) **3.45** Movies (6126006) **4.00** News (6542209) **4.15** 3 from 1 (6525532) **4.30** Dial MTV (5754) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (41071) **7.00** Hits (30358) **8.00** Most Wanted (15735) *9.30 Beavis and Butt-Head (63735)* **10.00** The Report (588342) **10.15** Movies (689025) **10.30** News (416629) **10.45** 3 from 1 (331984) **11.00** Rock (79829) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (78052) **2.00-6.00** Videos (8832976)

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (24483) **7.00** Regional News (78716) **7.30** Asian Morning (80551) **8.00** Hindi News (25087) **8.30** Urdu News (5878303) **8.45** English News (4826268) **9.00** Sitara Aur Mehrunisa (46193) **10.00** FILM (596261) **1.00pm** Serial (77087) **1.30** FILM Mere Humdum Mere Dost (420754) **4.30** Kiddie Time (2602) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (2174) **7.00** Mirza Ghalib (2919) **7.30** Bollywood (3957) **8.00** English News (698349) **8.15** Hindi FILM: Main Aur Mera *Hathi (87804280)* **11.15** *Saheel (201209)* **12.05am** Five Past (8805491) **1.35-6.00** Sight and Sound (35630472)

TNT

Theme: Tribute to Robert Young
7.00 Navy Blue and Gold (1937, b/w). Revelations about his father jeopardise a naval cadet's career (81524667)
8.45 Journey for Margaret (1942, b/w): A reporter adopts an orphan (26217990)
10.15 H.M. Pulham, Esquire (1941, b/w) Frisky Hedy Lamarr makes a new man out of fuddy-duddy Robert Young (89665396)
12.30am Cairo *(1941, b/w): Egyptian-set* spy spoof with Robert Young (48764875)
2.25 Rich Man, Poor Girl (1938, b/w) A lovesick millionaire moves in with his secretary's family (22635255) Ends at **3.30**

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West Indies gain lead of 173 in Jamaica Test

England hopes of recovery dashed

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT IN KINGSTON, JAMAICA

NOTHING inspired England more, when they began the first Test match at Sabina Park, than the prospect of repeating their momentous win here four years ago. As the match passed its halfway mark yesterday, the 1990 script was little changed. Only the teams had been reversed.

This time, it was England who surrendered the high ground of a long opening stand with a batting collapse on the first day and West Indies who capitalised to build a potentially decisive lead of 173. As a reprise of the greatest occasion in England's recent history, it was a bad joke.

The dreams of many months slipped steadily into oblivion under a hot Jamaican sun yesterday and glum faces in the field told a desperate tale. Lose here, England well know, and the going will become almost impossibly heavy within an unforgiving schedule.

Optimism seems suddenly misplaced, confidence the currency of fools, for the shortcomings of depth and quality in this team, compounded by errors in selection, have been laid bare within three days of the series beginning.

Any hope that remained of an English victory was dispelled yesterday, largely by the local hero, Jimmy Adams, who was left unbeaten with 95 after a tail-end collapse. Playing his fifth Test match and his first in his native Jamaica, Adams has adopted the role previously fulfilled by Larry Gomes and Gus Logie as a steadying influence among an array of shotmakers.

Within a week, the versatile Adams, 26, has kept wicket in a one-day international, taken a Test wicket bowling left-arm spin and held both close and outfield catches. His place in the side, however, must be sustained by his obdurate left-handed batting and, on this evidence, he is equipped for a job as vital as any within a traditionally impetuous side.

His third half-century in seven Test innings was correct, disciplined and prolonged, occupying almost four hours and condemning England to an arduous battle if they are even to save this game.

Adams had been padded up through a three-hour stand for the fourth wicket which, with connivance from some witless bowling, had undermined England's second powerful position of the game. Even when the magic of Brian Lara was snuffed out, some hope remained of England rapidly dismantling the lower order and starting their second innings on roughly level terms. Adams clinically banished the thought.

For the first hour of the day, he was accompanied by Keith Arthurton. This was Arthurton's 29th birthday, but he was entitled to have begun the celebrations a night early, following a century which finally elevates him to the company of those with an established place in the team.

In the six years since his Test debut, Arthurton has played only 16 times. Now, the slight, smiling figure from the tiny island of Nevis, where his cricket was learned with a soft ball amid the alleys which pass for streets, can look forward at last to a full series, while the absent Carl Hooper must earn his place back.

Arthurton batted in a cap throughout Sunday, but donned his red helmet when the new ball was taken after three overs of the third morning. It did not help him. After adding only 13 to his overnight score, Arthurton steered a short ball from Devon Malcolm to gully, where Chris Lewis took an athletic catch.

This was a third wicket for Malcolm, but, as so often, they were won at a heavy cost. His six overs with the first new ball had brought him two for 31 and they set the tone for his concession of five runs an over in each succeeding spell. England can afford him if they have frugality at the other end, but, as the manager, Keith Fletcher, was quick to point out on Sunday night, this was patently not the case.

Lewis, who consistently overpitched on Sunday, adjusted his length yesterday and, after a straying start, bowled with more economy. But he still scarcely threatened and when, after lunch, his first two balls of a fresh spell were long-hops, carved for fours by Winston Benjamin, animated talks ensued with both captain and vice-captain.

At this point, the West Indians were threatening carnage. Junior Murray, not a wicketkeeper who gets in the side for his batting, had rushed to 34 from 47 balls before becoming Igglesden's first Test victim for almost five years, leg-before to a ball too straight for his cut shot.

Then Benjamin, for whom the situation was made, scored 38 of a stand of 70 with Adams in only 16 overs. The England deficit was past 150 by the time Andy Caddick restored a measure of control with two wickets in an over. Benjamin dragging on carelessly and Ambrose being bowled through a shot which suggested he was anxious to resume bowling.

Lewis gained his first wicket of a game he will so far remember with no fondness, bowling Kenny Benjamin first ball, but this rush of wickets only accelerated England's return to the crease and, as such, was cause for mixed feelings.

KENNY ROGGER



Adams sways out of the way of a bouncer from Caddick during his accomplished innings of 95 not out

SCOREBOARD

England won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings 234 (A J Stewart 70, M A Atherton 55, K C G Benjamin 6 for 66).

WEST INDIES: First Innings

D L Haynes c Thorpe b Malcolm ..... 4 (14min, 13 balls, 1 four)
P V Simmons c Russell b Caddick ... 8 (18min, 10 balls, 1 four)
*R B Richardson c Maynard b Malcolm ..... 5 (29min, 13 balls)
B C Lara b Hick ..... 83 (186min, 131 balls, 11 fours)
K L T Arthurton c Lewis b Malcolm 128 (323min, 232 balls, 2 sixes, 11 fours)
J C Adams not out ..... 95 (342min, 236 balls, 10 fours)
†J R Murray lbw b Igglesden ..... 34 (73min, 47 balls, 5 fours)
W K M Benjamin b Caddick ..... 38 (75min, 58 balls, 6 fours)
C E L Ambrose b Caddick ..... 0 (2min, 4 balls)
K C G Benjamin b Lewis ..... 0 (2min, 1 ball)
C A Walsh lbw b Lewis ..... 0 (7min, 8 balls)
Extras (lb 10, w 1, nb 3) 14
Total 407

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12 (Simmons 8), 2-12 (Richardson 0), 3-23 (Lara 5), 4-167 (Arthurton 64), 5-256 (Adams 26), 6-319 (Adams 54), 7-383 (Adams 80), 8-389 (Adams 80), 9-390 (Adams 81)

BOWLING: Malcolm 23-3-113-3; Caddick (nb 2) 29-5-94-3, Lewis (nb 2, w 1) 26-4-82-2, Igglesden 24-5-53-1; Hick 21-4-56-1

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Lara: 50 in 109min (82 balls, 6 fours). Arthurton: 50 in 116min (71 balls, 8 fours), 100 in 234min (166 balls, 10 fours, 2 sixes). Adams: 50 in 228min (149 balls, 4 fours)

Umpires: I D Robinson (Zimbabwe) and S A Bucknor (West Indies)

Match referee: S M Gavaskar

About-face by Celtic gives McCann plan huge boost

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

FERGUS McCann, the Scots-Canadian businessman, is close to taking control of Celtic. It emerged yesterday that Kevin Kelly, the chairman, and Tom Grant, the director, have switched sides and now support the takeover bid by McCann's consortium which would pump up to £17.9 million into the club.

Kelly and Grant are members of the highly complex five-man voting pact which defeated the same proposal at an extraordinary general meeting (EGM) in November. The club's finances, however, have since disintegrated after poor results and rampant disaffection among supporters. The Bank of Scotland, which holds Celtic's £5 million overdraft, is believed to be threatening to withdraw its support.

Willie Haughey, the Glasgow businessman, had offered a deal whereby he would purchase the shares of the members of the pact, and those of their families, for £3.6m. Kelly and Grant, however, have resisted the offer because Haughey has not demonstrated that he commands the resources to rebuild the club.

In endorsing the McCann proposal, they have decided to forgo any personal gain. The £17.9m would be used to buy up a massive new share issue, and so put money into the club rather than into the hands of the directors. It now remains to be seen whether Haughey will attempt to block the advance of McCann by purchasing any shares available to him.

McCann, who will formally make his bid by calling an EGM within the next few bids, does have some obstacles still to surmount. The backing of Kelly and Grant leaves him with 44 per cent of the pact, a little short of majority control.

In theory, the other three pact members could still ensure that the shares of all five directors were used to vote against McCann at the EGM. In practice, however, this option is not available. Pressure from the bank and supporters ensures that the current regime cannot survive. None of the club's directors were available for comment yesterday.

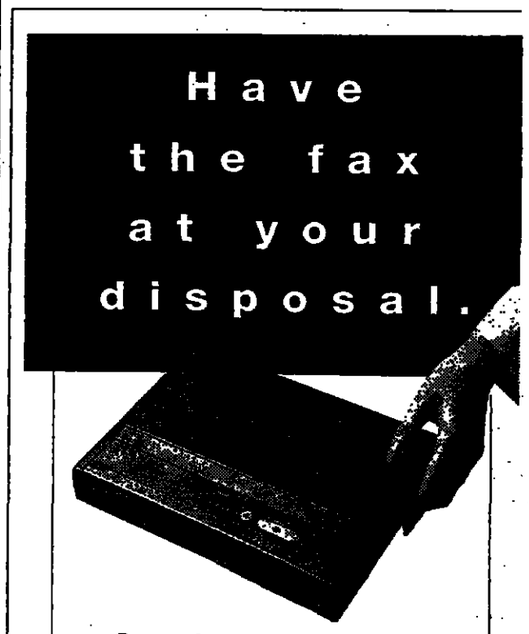
The struggle for Celtic has now lasted for more than three years, exhausting all concerned. A triumph for McCann would be particularly popular since one of his backers is Brian Dempsey, a former Celtic director who was ousted from the board by a coup at the 1990 annual general meeting. He has since acquired the status of folk hero among dissident supporters.

The club desperately requires an upsurge of goodwill. Five years without a trophy have left it with a threadbare status, even within Scottish football. Whoever takes charge must find the funds to meet the Taylor report requirments at the same time as investing in a team pathetically short of the quality players.

McCann, aged 51, who is presently at his winter home in Phoenix, Arizona, appears to have the credentials for the task. He emigrated from Scotland to Canada in the 1960s and built up World Golf, a specialist holiday company which became the biggest of its type in the world, operating in 14 countries and dealing with 4000 clients annually. McCann made his fortune by selling World Golf to the British conglomerate, ADT, in 1986.

McCann's reputation is of a hard-headed businessman whose manner can be brusque, if not abrasive, but he appears to suffer from sentimentality where Celtic are concerned. In 1972, he arranged a satellite broadcast for Canada of a Celtic v Inter Milan match that almost bankrupted him. Despite the experience, McCann remains willing to direct most of his personal wealth to the club. This affluent dottiness may be precisely what Celtic need.

☐ Norwich received a boost on the eve of their Premiership clash with Blackburn when Ian Crook, aged 31, and Rob Newman, 30, signed two-and-a-half-year contracts that could mean they will see out their playing days at Carrow Road. And 19-year-old midfield player Andy Johnson has accepted an improved three-year deal with the option of a further extension.



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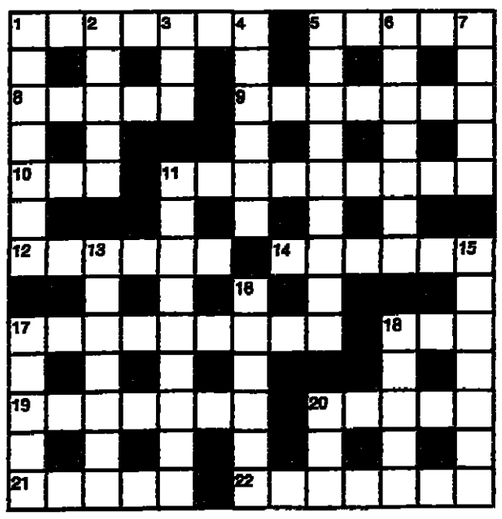
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11 Outermost part (of area) (9)
12 Give dying flicker (6)
14 Attractive body (6)
17 Initial competitive advantage (4,5)
18 Cup match (3)
19 Corrupt, destroy (force of) (7)
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22 Small-sized newspaper (7)

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1 Accumulated undone work (7)
2 Orleans river (5)
3 Gist: lump (3)
4 Exertion (6)
5 Toady (9)
6 Oriental (7)
7 Cloth for baby (5)
11 Force to join navy (5-4)
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17 Nettle rash (5)
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20 Young male animal (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 94

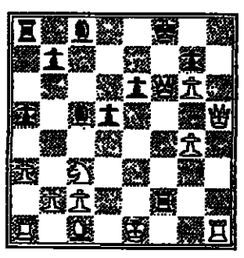
ACROSS: 1 Deadpan 5 Baton 8 Agony 9 Undoing 10 Will-o'-the-wisp 12 Occult 14 Cattle 17 House of cards 21 Reserve 22 Tudor 23 Paddy 24 Secured

DOWN: 1 Dead wood 2 Atoll 3 Payroll 4 Nought (Naught) 5 Bedew 6 Twin set 7 Nigh 11 Measured 13 Crossed 15 Ascetic 16 Boreas 18 Sorry 19 Rider 20 Drop

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Today's position is from the game Crouch - Thompson, Hastings Challenge 1994. The position looks desperate for White as his king is wide open and he lacks development. Nevertheless, he found a way to turn the game round with a brilliant coup. What did he play?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CANNA
a. A flame-coloured flower
b. Food of the gods
c. A primitive flute

CANIKIN
a. Relations by marriage
b. A drinking vessel
c. A Persian hammock

MOFUSSIL
a. An Indian blunderbuss
b. Rural parts
c. A moss bog

MURKEN
a. A pubic wig
b. To grow dark
c. A Dutch hoe

Answers on page 42